Israel media expert Dina Goren

WESTERN MEDIA LARGELY IGNORANT OF MIDEAST AFFAIRS: ANALYST

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

The Western media are largely ignorant about Mideast matters and often play into the hands of Arab propagandists, says Israeli communications expert Dina Goren.

"The Arabs have made a greater effort recently to capture headlines. They are really just paying for it by using very sophisticated public relations organizations," said the former freelance writer and broadcaster.

And easy prey to the propaganda campaign, she added, are "Jewish intellectuals who are addicted to a simplistic, well-intentioned but misleading treatment of Mideast affairs."

A visiting scholar at Yale Law School, Ms. Goren said in an interview here that the Begin-Sadat meeting was not the first time correspondents have played a mediating role in the Mideast. Both Arab and Israeli politicans have chosen in the past to break news through the international press corps rather than the local media, "as a way of protecting or mitigating shock" at home.

She dismissed the concept "media diplomacy", however, as "a misnomer perpetuated by the media which is proud to view itself in this role." The Sadat visit, she noted, was most significant because of its impact, through television, on the Arab public.

In Toronto under the sponsorship of the Canadian Zionist Federation, the 47-year-old journalist-academic contrasted the media image of Prime Minister Begin and his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin.

Describing Rabin as a "stammerer in terms of the media", she said his inability to communicate and his treatment of the press acted as a political handicap.

Begin, though a politician of the pre-electronic media age, "knows how to use the media. He tells them enough to keep them happy — and not more."

A PhD graduate of Hebrew University, she is author of **Secrecy, Security and the Freedom of the Press**. She recently held the post of research associate at The Leonard Davies Institute for International Relations and is a specialist on foreign and military policy as it relates to the media.

A press system, she said, "is as free as it cares to be — or as free as the public wants it to be." Differentiating between the pre-state and modern-day Israeli politician, she described an almost love-hate relationship between leaders and the press.

Before the establishment of the state, she noted, "the Hebrew press was propaganda conscious . . . it viewed itself as an equal partner in the struggle for nationhood. And there was mobility between the political leadership and newspaper editors."

Journalism was often a "surrogate activity" for political animals who were frustrated in their effort to achieve leadership. Many journalists-turned-politicians have an inbred contempt for their colleagues, she added.

"In Israel the tradition of press freedom is not very deep," pointed out Ms. Goren. The bulk of the population comes from Mideast or East European nations which have few safeguards on press freedom.

In many respects the Israeli's attitude to the press, she said, draws on its "pre-state conspiratorial past", that certain issues are best kept quiet, particularly on military matters, lest the enemy derive an advantage.

Ben-Gurion, for example, found little importance in press freedom, especially if national security could be viewed as at stake, she said. Even in medieval times the Jewish community was extremely protective of its own affairs, to the extent that Jews who revealed internal matters to the Gentile community were drowned in the local mikva if found guilty.

The "pre-state mentality" toward the press "broke down with a crash after the Yom Kippur War. The Israeli press realized it had been assigning too much credibility to the official version."

It wasn't that military censorship interfered on press liberties, she remarked, but that Israeli editors deliberately held back information on Egyptian troop movements before the war because of their acceptance of reassuring statements on the part of military spokesmen.

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Jamieson 'irritated' by UN resolutions

OTTAWA [Staff] —

External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson told the House of Commons last week that he is irritated by "senseless United Nations resolutions" condemning Israel, which do nothing to reconvene the Geneva peace talks.

The minister was explaining the rationale for Canada's decision to oppose a General Assembly resolution chastizing Israel for its occupation of Arab lands and calling for the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization at the Geneva conference.

Canada — along with Israel, the U.S. and El Salvador — voted against the resolution; 102 countries favored it and 29 abstained, including most West European nations.

"There has been a growing irritation, quite frankly, on my part," Jamieson told the House last Tuesday, "at what I regard as these rather senseless United Nations resolutions at this time which are doing nothing to advance the goal and the main objective which is, of course, to get the parties to Geneva."

In reply to a question raised by Heath MacQuarrie (PC-Hillsborough), Jamieson said the vote did not represent a change in Canadian policy. The resolution was rejected, he said, because the text referred to withdrawal from all territories, a terminology Canada has not accepted. Ottawa, he emphasized, favored Resolution 242.

"Second of course," the minister continued, "it called for recognition in a certain context of the Palestine Liberation Organization which, once again, we have not as Canadian policy designated or acknowledged as being the so-called rightful spokesman for the Palestinians."

Following Canada's vote late last month to oppose the anti-Israel resolution, the Canada-Israel Committee cabled Jamieson to congratulate him on the decision. "We firmly believe that such decisions can only serve to encourage the peace process, especially while the parties to the conflict appear to be entering a promising period of direct negotiations," read the cable from the CIC, the umbrella organization of Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

CIC's Ottawa staffer Howard Stanislawski called Canada's vote "a firm and forthright stand." He noted that the resolution, however, was more extreme in content than other similar resolutions which drew abstentions from Ottawa.

"I wouldn't run around optimistically looking at this vote as a change in policy. We have to deal with each resolution one at a time," he said. Canada, he noted, broke away from its traditional alliance with the West European bloc in opposing the latest resolution. "Canada, rightfully so, is much more equitable and fair. It's nice to see them voting in accordance to their own principles."

Stanislawski also remarked on a slight alteration in Canada's voting pattern on a resolution in the UN's political committee condemning Israel's treatment of Arab property in Gaza. While Canada supported the resolution last year, in 1977 it abstained on a similar motion.

The CIC, in the past, has rebuked Ottawa for what it views as a conscious drift in support away from Israel. Lawrence Grossman, CIC's director of research, has labelled Canada's past record as "inconsistent and unfathomable."

Canada's voting record at the UN, on an average, has been an abstention, noted Grossman in a recent article in The CJN. Canada abstained on 28 anti-Israel votes; it opposed five and supported four.

The vote at the UN ended four days of general debate on the Mideast which Syria had initiated, despite many Western and Third World delegates who said it would be appropriate to postpone such a resolution pending the outcome of talks between Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

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Academy faces closure

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The board of The Hebrew Academy is requesting $20,000 from the Jewish Education Council to help pay off an accumulated deficit of $300,500. This may force the school to close its doors in mid-year.

A letter was sent out to the parents of 400 elementary and high school students from the board of the Outremont school stating that due to the "critical financial crossroad" the school's "immediate closure is a distinct possibility."

An emergency meeting of parents was called Nov. 28, when over $200,000 was raised. However, the entire debt must be paid off completely, since the bank where the school has the loan will not extend any more credit.

The 39 teachers of The Hebrew Academy walked off the job Dec. 1, the day after the school paid them only half their monthly salary which included deductions for the whole month. The teachers, who requested post-dated cheques for the remainder of their salary, only received a promise that they would be paid at the end of the following week.

After a meeting over the weekend, the teachers ended their two-day walkout and returned to work Monday.

The school has had a history of financial problems dating back to 1973. According to a number of observers, the deficit mounted very quickly in a short period of time due to weak administration and only last year began to break even.

The bank's sudden freeze on further credit this fall is believed to be the result of uncertainty over future grants to the school from the Quebec government.

The Hebrew Academy's situation is further complicated by the fact that Adath Israel Congregation, with which it is affiliated, wants to sell the school building. The synagogue claims that the school's lease on the building expired two years ago.

The school maintains that it has a 25-year lease on the building, while the synagogue says it only had a five-year lease. Adath Israel nearly sold the building last year to a Greek school until Allied Jewish Community Services asked them to postpone those plans.

Hebrew Academy has a tract of land in Cote St. Luc on which it had originally planned to build another school. The board is trying to

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(David Groskind photo)

Scroll of appreciation is presented to Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut by Holy Blossom on the occasion of his retirement as senior rabbi at temple. From left are: John Geller, temple president; Plaut and Henrietta Chesnie, past president.

Whole world is potential realm, Plaut says on starting 4th career

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

W. Gunther Plaut, senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple, is about to begin his fourth career. In this new step, "the whole world is my potential realm," he says.

At a tribute weekend honoring his retirement from pulpit duties, he explained that he has already had three careers. The first was his law studies in Germany. Then came the U.S. period as a rabbinical student, rabbi and soldier in World War II. Finally, came the period in Canada where he has spent the last 16 years serving as Holy Blossom rabbi.

"The reason for my shift from the pulpit to private service is my own decision," said the rabbi, who will still be linked with Holy Blossom Temple through the new position of senior scholar.

At a Friday night service held in the presence of Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon, the 65-year-old cleric described the rabbinate as a "particularly complex profession."

Speaking to an overflow audience he cited three tensions. First comes where to draw the line between the obligation to the congregation and to that of the community. Second, there is the tension between the scholar and the doer. Finally comes the tension for the Jew who is "passionately devoted to his own" and who is also sensitive to the needs of the rest of the community.

The rabbi, who has made a mark for himself as a prolific writer and community leader, reminisced at the community service on Friday night and before the 650 Holy Blossom Temple members who gathered at a Sunday dinner to pay tribute to him on the first night of Chanuka — exactly 16 years to the day in the Hebrew calendar when he was installed as senior rabbi.

"I remember great men who came here (to Holy Blossom), not the least of them the late Martin Luther King, who stood in this pulpit not long before his death. I remember how six years ago this congregation sponsored a conference on Quebec and how all the leaders of that province were here, including Rene Levesque," he said.

Plaut added he has had more engagements come his way for 1978 than he can possibly fill. As well, he noted, there are his responsibilities as president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, the completion of his magnum opus — his commentaries on four of the five Books of Moses and the editing of the fifth — and several other publications he is working on, including his first book of fiction.

There have been disappointments, he declared, not the least of which has been the inability for the three groups of Judaism to come together as one in Toronto.

Plaut, who received plaques from Ontario Premier William Davis and Toronto Mayor David Crombie and messages from numerous people including Prime Minister Trudeau, federal cabinet ministers Barney Danson and John Roberts, and Chief Justice Bora Laskin, stated: "Of one thing I am sure . . . I am a very fortunate person, favored by fate . . . ."

The rabbi, who got out of Germany before the Nazis permanently closed its doors, listened to speeches honoring him by the Right Rev. Lewis S. Garnsworthy, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, the Most Rev. Philip F. Pocock, Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto, George M. Morrison of Timothy Eaton Memorial Church and Phil Granovsky, world co-chairman of Keren Hayesod.

Plaut's son, Rabbi Jonathan V. Plaut of Windsor, talked about the early years of his father's rabbinic career. Heinz Warschauer, retired director of education at Holy Blossom Temple, Michael Stroh, former associate rabbi at Holy Blossom and now rabbi at Temple Har Zion in Thornhill, and Matthew H. Ross of New York, chairman of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, also paid tribute to Plaut.

Guest speaker for the Sunday night dinner, Rabbi Herman E. Schaalman of Chicago, a friend since he and Plaut left Germany together for the U.S., was unable to attend because of a family bereavement.

Dayan turns down meeting with PLO in West Germany

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan flatly rejected a suggestion to meet with a senior representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization during his official visit to West Germany last week. The offer was made through a senior German official.

Dayan, on his return from Bonn, reportedly told the German intermediary that he would see a PLO representative only if such a meeting would save lives but never if the purpose was political.

PLO representatives have met privately during the past year with Israeli doves in Europe and in the U.S. None of the Israelis held public office or represented any substantial political constituency at the time of the meetings.

The offer by the PLO to meet with Dayan was the first initiative made public in which a top Israeli government official was involved. It was regarded with interest here in view of the PLO's bitter opposition to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's peace initiatives toward Israel.

Meanwhile, Dayan told a Bonn press conference that Israel would be prepared to sign a separate peace treaty with Egypt "any time," even before the planned Geneva conference.

Dayan said he was "very happy and satisfied" with the outcome of his talks with German political leaders. He received assurances that "the German government will not negotiate with — or recognize — the Palestine Liberation Organization as long as the PLO does not change its attitude to Israel."

He said Bonn also promised to "grant full support to President Sadat's peace move, even though some Arab countries are not exactly supporting this move."

Based on these comments alone, the Dayan visit can be described as a diplomatic success. Prior to the visit, Israeli sources had expressed disappointment at Bonn's slow and hesitant welcome to the Sadat initiative and irritation at Bonn's support for the European Economic Community's (EEC) stress on Palestinian rights at Israel's expense.

But Dayan indicated that some points of disagreement persist. He said he had criticized recent German and EEC support for UN resolutions condemning the provision by Israel of better housing for Gaza Strip Palestinians and condemning new West Bank settlements by Israel.

"I can't say after I explained our position that the German government will change its policy or position, though I am grateful that I was given the opportunity to explain," he said.

Dayan told reporters that he personally would prefer to have all the Arab countries represented at the coming Cairo meeting, adding that in that event Israel would still only accept bilateral negotiations with each country. But "even if Jordan and Syria don't come, it is better to deal with Egypt alone than to have no negotiations at all."

He said that Sadat could, "if need be," make war or peace alone, whereas all the other Arab countries, even together "can't do so." He believed Jordan and Saudi Arabia would "not come out against Sadat, though I don't know if they will give him positive support." He also did not know "whether the Egyptian military forces and people support him."

Earlier, Dayan told West Germany's leaders at a dinner in his honor here that Israelis were sorrowed by "the latest anti-Semitic incidents among youth" in Germany and "the attempts to rewrite history and the nostalgia for the Hitler era in which can be detected an indulgence toward Nazi war criminals and their deeds."

His first act upon arriving here was to visit the Bergen Belsen concentration camp.

One of Dayan's departures from his planned itinerary was to visit an exhibition on Egyptian art and history. No Egyptians were present during his visit.

(Religious News Service photo)

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt [right] shares a lighter moment with Israel Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan during latter's visit to Bonn. During trip, Dayan deplored recently reported anti-Semitic incidents in Germany.

Egyptian envoy addresses Jews

NEW YORK [JTA] —

In another major breakthrough following President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, Ashraf Ghorbal, Egypt's ambassador to Washington, addressed a meeting of the board of directors of the Synagogue Council of America.

The council is the umbrella organization for the rabbinic and congregational bodies of the three branches of American Judaism. It is the first Jewish organization in the U.S. to be addressed by the Egyptian ambassador.

Council President Rabbi Saul Teplitz welcomed Ghorbal's acceptance of the invitation as "a further dramatic step in the direction of peace and reconciliation in the Middle East that was initiated by President Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem."

Teplitz noted that Ghorbal's visit to the council is consistent with a long-standing personal friendship that has existed between the ambassador and Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president of the council, "a friendship that has endured the most difficult periods of Middle Eastern hostility. The seeds for the remarkable flowering of Arab-Jewish reconciliation were planted by Ghorbal," Teplitz said.

NOTICE

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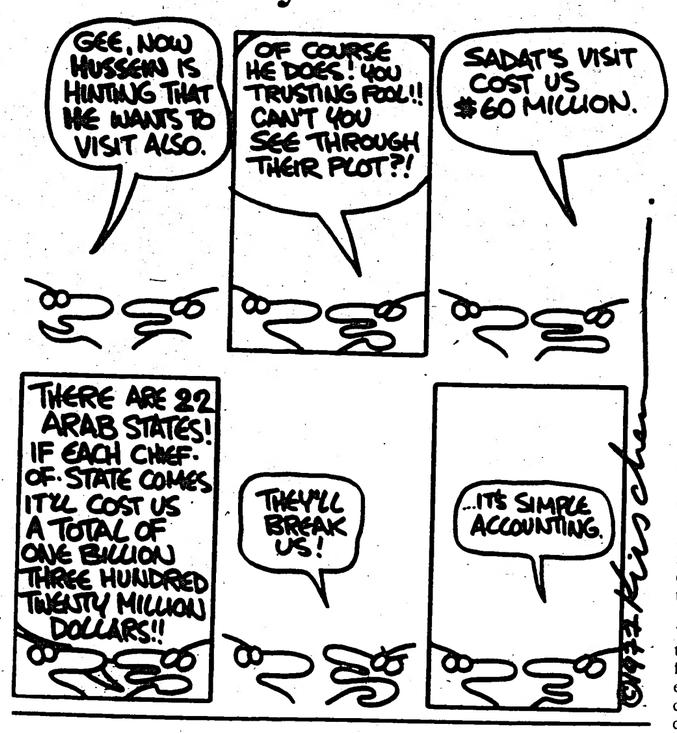
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Cut feminist financing asks Agudath Israel

ATLANTIC CITY [JTA] — Agudath Israel of America has called on the United States government to stop financing feminist goals such as the recent national women's conference in Houston.

"We condemn the recent women's conference in Houston for adopting a broad range of resolutions which are contrary to the accepted moral value of our society," the delegates to the Orthodox group's 55th convention said in a resolution.

Some 3,000 delegates, including the foremost scholars in Judaism from around the country, are meeting here to debate current Jewish issues in the U.S. and overseas.

The resolution added: "We are further disturbed that this conference was financed with the taxpayers' dollars of all Americans when its proceedings do not reflect grassroots America."

However, Rabbi Simon Schwab, spiritual leader of Congregation K'hal Adath Jeshurun, New York City, and Rabbi Chaim Dov Keller, dean of the Telshe Yeshiva of Chicago, said later that the feminist movement does not threaten Orthodox Judaism. They said the education provided in yeshivot and Jewish day schools was adequate to preserve the traditional role of the woman in Jewish life.

Schwab declared that "while the dangers of a rising anti-traditional feminism is more or less met by widespread educational endeavors under Torah auspices, the pressures exerted by society's inversion of most of our sacred values are only beginning to be realized and are not met at all as yet."

Citing an example of necessary change for the benefit of the Jewish community, he said: "The first two or three very wealthy parents who make a simple wedding for their children and divert the savings to Torah causes will be able to set a new trend."

Keller warned that the current value system of Jews is a bad example for the young and non-Jews. He said that Jews were influenced by the "disintegration of moral values" by their exposure to the mores of the general society.

He added: "Jews should set examples to the world of modesty and humility, honesty and sensitivity to the needs of others, but unfortunately all too often the opposite image of the Jew is suggested." The yeshiva dean also voiced criticism at extravagance and huge budgets for luxuries which could otherwise be diverted to financing Jewish causes.

In another speech, Rabbi Pinchos Menachem Alter, chairman of Agudath Israel in Israel, remarked that: "The new recognition in Israel and elsewhere that Torah is the wave of the future for Jews paves the way for Orthodox Jewry to broaden its influence on Jewish life the world over."

Alter, who is also a member of the Moetzes Gedolei HaTorah (Council of Torah Sages) in Israel, alluded to Agudath Israel's participation in Premier Menachem Begin's government coalition, when he said: "Never before has Torah Jewry in Israel faced such opportunity to thrive spiritually because of a new climate of goodwill."

A status report on the agreement between Begin and Agudath Israel five months after it led to a coalition for the Likud, was made public for the first time by Rabbi Menachem Porush, Agudath Israel Knesset deputy and chairman of the Knesset Committee on Labor and Social Betterment.

He noted that the demands for rights for Orthodox Jews were "systematically being met by the Begin administration."

Reading from a dossier of documents, Porush cited such previous controversies as autopsies, work on the Sabbath, and conscription of religious girls into the armed forces, as examples of problems nearing solution.

The veteran Orthodox leader continued: "Despite its preoccupation with security and the economy, the government has not abandoned the religious agenda."

In his keynote address, Rabbi Moshe Sherer, executive president of Agudath Israel, criticized the American Jewish leadership "for lagging behind their Israeli counterparts in recognizing the religious ingredient of the needs of the Jewish masses."

(IPPA photo)

Two veteran socialist, ex-prime ministers, Golda Meir and Harold Wilson, talk over old times. The former British prime minister was in Israel to receive an honorary doctorate from Weizman Institute.

Day school faces closure

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sell that land in an effort to raise money.

There is an emergency fund of $25,000 set aside by the Jewish Education Council which The Hebrew Academy has officially requested. The JEC received a budget of $750,000 from AJCS this year, of which $500,000 is for day schools. The balance is for afternoon schools, the Education Resource Centre and other projects.

According to Rabbi Meyer Krentzman, executive-director of the JEC, the request will be studied this week. He explained that to receive the grant The Hebrew Academy would have to give some assurances that it will try not to incur any further deficits for at least the next five years.

"We would not want the school to close," said Manny Batshaw, AJCS executive vice-president. "We stand ready to help in any way we can, to any extent that we can." Final approval of the grant must come from AJCS. The Jewish Education Council can only make recommendations."

Batshaw noted that it was never specified in the resolution passed by AJCS this fall, which promised financial help to day schools, whether the money could be used for emergency purposes or was restricted to making up the drop in government subsidies.

AJCS might help The Hebrew Academy organize a community fund drive, said Batshaw. AJCS was instrumental in launching the first benefit dinner for the school several years ago.

The teachers have been told by their school board that they will be paid for November as soon as the grant from AJCS is finalized. They were expected to receive that promise in writing this week.

Even if the $20,000 is received, it will cover only about half the amount needed to pay the teachers. The teachers had threatened to stay off work until they received all their pay for November.

In a letter issued to the parents on the first day of the walkout, Dec. 1, the teachers said they would remain out of the classrooms until they received their post-dated cheques for no later than Dec. 9, and had some guarantee for future payment of salaries. They did offer to hold classes in private homes.

Payment of October salaries was delayed by one day because the bank would not honor the cheques. The board also withheld payment of union dues to the Federation of Jewish Teachers for over a year, despite the fact that $8 was deducted each month from the teachers' salaries.

Monette Ulin, head of the federation, filed suit in court against The Hebrew Academy board last month giving it 20 days to pay the $4,000 owed to the federation since June, 1976. The board has paid $3,000 of the debt to date.

The teachers also noted in their letter to parents that the last collective agreement they signed in 1976 included retroactive pay accorded to all day school teachers in the salary increase. While other teachers received back pay within three or four months, the Hebrew Academy teachers agreed to accept it over the next 2½ years.

They have not as yet received any of that money. Hebrew Academy teachers also have 28 periods a week, whereas other teachers have 26 or 27. Part-time teachers at Hebrew Academy are the lowest paid of any Jewish school, say the teachers.

No provisions have been made for the 400 students at Hebrew Academy should the school be forced to close at mid-year, although the school has been negotiating for some time with the Protestant and Catholic schools in an effort to rent space. The Hebrew Academy is also meeting with the Orthodox rabbinate, according to its president, Cantor A.L. Subar.

"We would greatly appreciate it if anybody in the community would come forward and help us," said Subar. "We may be able to operate for three or four months more with the money we have raised so far, but that is all."

Media on the Mideast

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A mother of three, Ms. Goren worked for the Defence Forces broadcasting station. She said abuse of military censorship is negligible, but added that editors are often manipulated by officials who confer prestige on them by sharing secret "background information."

Freedom of the press can be judged by the extent it influences decision-makers, she said. The Israeli press, by that measure, ranks high because of its involvement in the Rabin bank account scandal, Kupat Holim and Bank of Israel affairs.

Ms. Goren is herself involved in political affairs. A member of the Prime Minister's Commission on Women's Rights, she was "a founding mother," with Shulamit Aloni of the Citizens Rights Movement and was 28th on the Democratic Movement for Change's party list in the last election.

Under Begin, she explained, the women's rights movement is experiencing a "stalemate of a kind." For Oriental and religious Jews, equality of women "is light years away."

Away from Israel since August she could not assess the changes in the DMC and its decision to join the Begin cabinet. "The DMC may be instrumental in making Begin less extreme or less swayed by its radically extremist right wing," she said. "The DMC is the ballast that reinforces Begin's concession-oriented side."

While in Canada, Ms. Goren visited London and Windsor, Ont., before heading to Halifax.

Soviets at UN

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One development in the debate, according to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, was a more detailed outline by the Soviet delegate Oleg Toryanovsky, of possible security guarantees to encourage Israeli withdrawal from Arab territories.

He said such withdrawal could be followed by creation of demilitarized zones on both sides of the frontiers and that UN observers or a UN peace force could be provided for clearly-defined periods.

He said guarantees might be given by the Security Council or by individual states. He listed these as the Soviet Union, Britain, France and the United States.

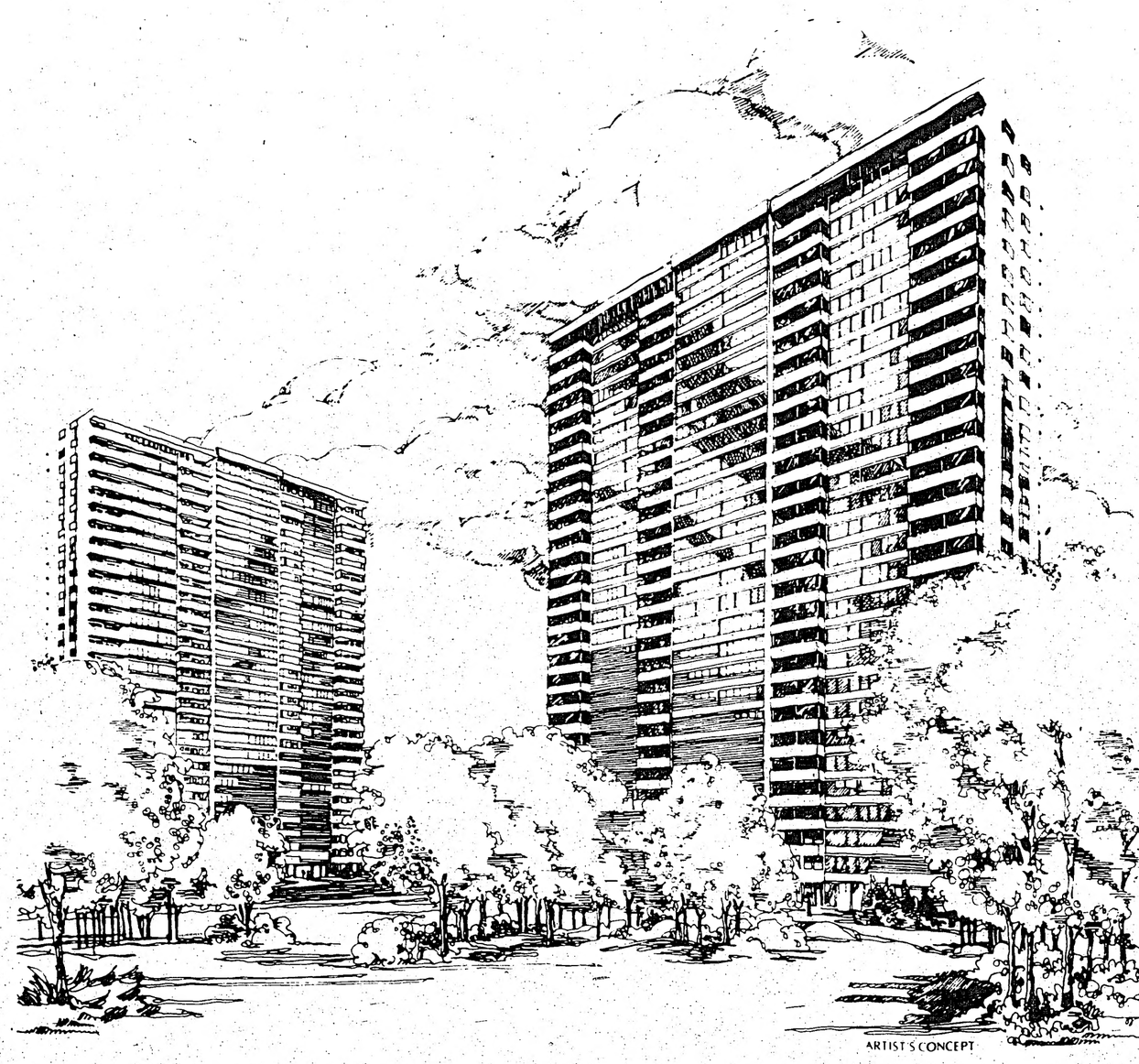
Toryanovsky said he had voted for the Syrian resolution because Soviet policy was not influenced by individual events, even spectacular ones, an allusion to the Sadat visit to Israel.

Benefits for yordim

JERUSALEM [JTA] — A special Knesset committee has recommended that yordim who participated in the Yom Kippur War should be entitled to substantial benefits similar to those granted new immigrants if they return to Israel before the 31st anniversary in 1979. Yordim are Israelis who have left the country and settled permanently abroad.

The committee, headed by Assaf Yaguri of the Democratic Movement for Change, proposed that each returnee would receive vouchers for tax exemption on various goods and rent subsidies.

Loans up to $5,500 would be granted toward the purchase of a flat plus an additional $2,000 if the flat is in a development area.



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CP plan in Israel fizzles

By DANIEL SAVILLE

TEL AVIV —
A last-minute disagreement over finalization of terms was apparently the reason for Canadian Pacific Hotels withdrawing its proposal to enter the Tel Aviv hotel scene.

Following its decision not to go ahead with construction of its own 600 room hotel, CP has held long protracted negotiations with the Laromme Hotels International for management of its newly constructed, but not yet completed 500-room establishment, adjacent to the CP site.

With the apparent conclusion of negotiations between the parties involved, CP would have invested $2.2 million in completion of the 500-room Laromme South hotel. In return, the Canadian hotel company would receive 25% of shares and management of the hotel, to be opened in early 1979.

The Knesset's finance committee had decided to buy back from CP, for $2.2 million, the site it had acquired, in 1973, on which to build its 600-room Tel Aviv Plaza.

At the time, CP paid $1.1 million for the site and has reportedly invested an additional $700,000 in improvements in the area.

The breakdown in Germany came as a total surprise to CP representative Eitan Shafir and had caused him personal embarrassment as he had not apparently been advised.

Laromme Hotels International company said that it would go ahead immediately to finish their hotel with capital acquired from other sources. It is felt in Tel Aviv that perhaps the door has been left open for a change of decision by CP regarding the Laromme deal.

Meanwhile, according to sources in Tel Aviv, CP is currently interested in the construction of a huge convention centre for the city — something which Tel Aviv lacks badly. This apparently depends upon CP retaining its site upon which it may build the centre.

Prime Minister Begin is flanked by his wife [right] and Clara Balinsky, Hadassah-WIZO president, at the closing banquet of 27th biennial convention, held last month at Tel Aviv's Hilton Hotel.

PM wants to control Cairo talks

By DAVID LANDAU

JERUSALEM [JTA] —
Premier Menachem Begin's selection of Eliahu Ben-Elissar to head the Israeli delegation to the pre-Geneva talks in Cairo in mid-December was seen here as an indication that Begin intends to keep those talks under his closest scrutiny.

Ben-Elissar, 45, is director general of the Prime Minister's Office, Israel's top civil servant. He is also a trusted political aide and loyal personal friend of Begin.

He will be providing the premier with detailed reports on the progress of the Cairo meeting and will be receiving detailed instructions directly from Begin.

Ben-Elissar should cut an impressive figure in the Egyptian capital. Six-feet tall, slim but broad-shouldered with black hair and a meticulously groomed black beard, he is witty, ingratiating and carries himself with dignity. He made friends easily with the Egyptian aides who accompanied Sadat to Jerusalem.

Politically, Ben-Elissar has always been a Herut loyalist. As a child he was smuggled out of Nazi-dominated Europe by Polish friends of his family. Many of his relatives perished in the Holocaust.

Until 1965, Ben-Elissar was an operative of Mossad, Israel's secret intelligence agency, which kept him out of politics. In 1971 he declared his political preference and became chief of information at Herut's headquarters.

His second in the Cairo talks will be Meir Rosenne, legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry and an old friend. Both men studied political science at the Paris Sorbonne in the 1950s and worked part-time at the Israeli embassy in Paris under Ambassador Jacob Tsur.

Rosenne was born in Rumania and served as Israel consul in New York in the late 1950s. He was closely involved in the post-Yom Kippur War negotiations and was present at Kilometer 101 where the first Israeli-Egyptian cease-fire was negotiated.

He went to Geneva in the spring of 1974 as a participant in the disengagement negotiations with Syria and to Washington in August, 1975 to draft the Israel-U.S. memorandum of understanding prior to the second Sinai disengagement accord.

Rosenne participated in the negotiations with Egypt at Geneva in September, 1975 which resulted in the military protocol attached to the second Sinai pact.

He also participated in the buffer zone joint commission talks with Egypt in 1976 and accompanied Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan at the drafting of the U.S.-Israel working paper on Geneva conference procedures in New York last September.

He has been legal advisor to the Foreign Ministry since 1971.

Egyptian's visit could improve Israeli economy

By YITZHAK SHARGIL

TEL AVIV [JTA] —
Finance Minister Simcha Erlich says that the visit of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt improved the climate for investment in Israel by lessening tension in the region.

He also forecast full employment and less government spending during the year ahead, in a detailed economic survey given at a meeting of the Liberal Party executive here.

Erlich, whose new economic program instituted last month sent prices soaring and raised fears of unemployment, said there was actually a surplus of 20,000 unfilled jobs in Israel. He said the increase in the country's foreign currency reserves gave further assurances that no one would go jobless.

Although some factories and workshops may be forced to close as a result of the new economic program, their workers will be absorbed easily by other enterprises seeking more manpower, the finance minister said.

The government, he said, will abide by its decision to freeze hiring for two years and predicted that the number of public employees will decrease by 15% even though 800 more policemen will have to be recruited.

Erlich defended the $12.1 billion 1978-79 budget approved by the cabinet this week but criticized by many economists who claimed it was inflationary.

He said it was not possible at this time to make major changes in the budget structure inherited from the previous government.

Erlich said that one-third of the budget — $4 billion — is earmarked for debt servicing and another $4 billion for defence, which is irreducible. Only the remainder is subject to manoeuvring by the government, he said.

Anti-missionary campaign is approved by Reform body

SAN FRANCISCO [JTA] —
An educational campaign calling for effective and legal measures to counter the tactics used by certain missionary cults was overwhelmingly approved at the recent 54th biennial General Assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC). Some 3,500 delegates met here for the five-day conference.

The program, which reinforces the existing UAHC interreligious department program dealing with missionary cults, is a response to the "coercion, misrepresentation of the meaning of religious symbols and abuse of religious rites and practices used by some missionary groups," it was stated in the resolution dealing with this problem.

While UAHC does not object to legal deprogramming efforts, the resolution said, it deplores "all forms of illegal deprograming or other illegal coercive measures even when they are designed to return an offspring to the family faith."

The UAHC decision recognizes that "the right to proselytize in our society is protected by constitutional guarantees of religious liberty, but that these guarantees neither legitimize or justify tactics that some missionary groups use when directing their efforts toward Jews."

"We are also concerned," said Rabbi Balfour Brickner, an author of the resolution, "with the false assertion that it is possible for Jews, without leaving Judaism, to accept a basic principle of Christianity, that Jesus is the Messiah."

He explained, "Judaism rejects the theological belief that Jesus was the Christ — the Messiah. Since one cannot be a Christian without subscribing to that notion in some form, it follows that one cannot be both a Christian and a believing Jew at the same time."

The resolution went on to "commend the efforts of those in the Christian community who have demonstrated their sensitivity to this problem by refusing to endorse or cooperate with 'missions to the Jews' which engage in these practices."

The resolution added: "We further urge the proper agencies of government to investigate violations of civil liberties and rights of victims of religious cults."

Meanwhile, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today that Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who provided the first detailed response of the Carter administration to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's visit to Jerusalem, did not originally intend to mention in his speech at the conference that the United States adheres to the view that the basis for negotiations must be United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 and 338.

According to an authoritative source, Christopher was persuaded to insert that reference after a number of UAHC leaders, who read the original text, explained that the omission would create misgivings and anxiety among the delegates.

The source also noted that Christopher's heavy emphasis on the participation of the Palestinians and the Soviet Union in the peace discussions at Geneva represented "the Brzezinski line. I can guarantee you that."

Christopher stated, at one point in his speech: "Just as we cannot avoid the reality of Soviet interest and participation, we cannot avoid the Palestinian question — not if we want a real chance for peace."

Gershon Avner named new Haifa U president

HAIFA —
Gershon Avner, former Israel ambassador to Canada, is the new president of Haifa University. The veteran diplomat, who recently assumed the presidency, will be visiting Canada next week.

At a recent meeting of the university's board of governors, he was named successor to Eliezer Rafaeli, president since the university's inception in 1971. Rafaeli has been appointed chancellor.

Ambassador to Canada from 1964 to '67, Avner served as secretary to the Israeli cabinet from 1974 until the election of Menachem Begin as prime minister earlier this year.

Gershon Avner

A member of the Hagana, he was educated at Oxford University.

He'll be in Toronto Dec. 13, 14, and 15, in Montreal the 16th, 17th and 18th and in Ottawa from the 19th to 21st. In Toronto, he'll address a Royal York luncheon on the 14th, a Montefiore Club affair in Montreal on the 16th and a Rideau Club function in Ottawa on the 21st.

One hundred and ten participants from 11 countries attended the governor's meeting here including Jacie Horowitz and Moshe Kones, president and national executive director respectively of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University.

Accredited by Egypt

LONDON [JCNS] —
Tullia Zevi, the Jewish Chronicle News Service correspondent in Rome, has been accredited with the Egyptian Information Ministry as the first correspondent for an Israeli newspaper — Ma'ariv.

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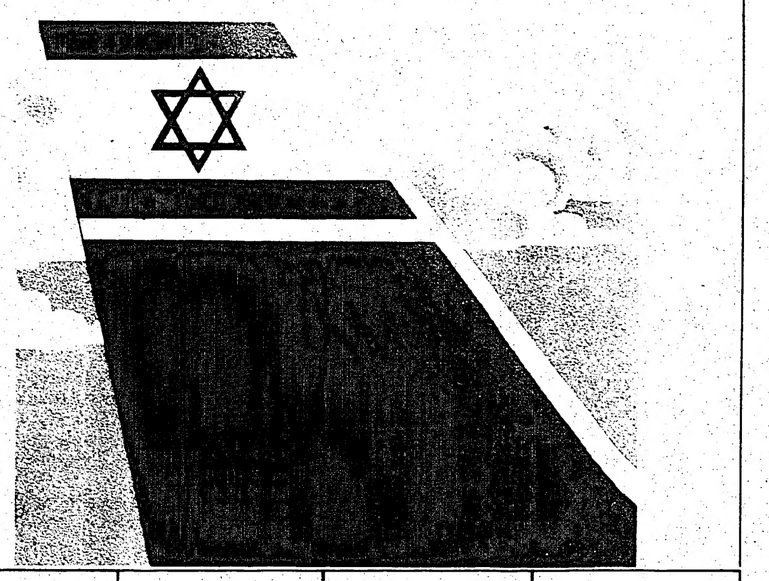

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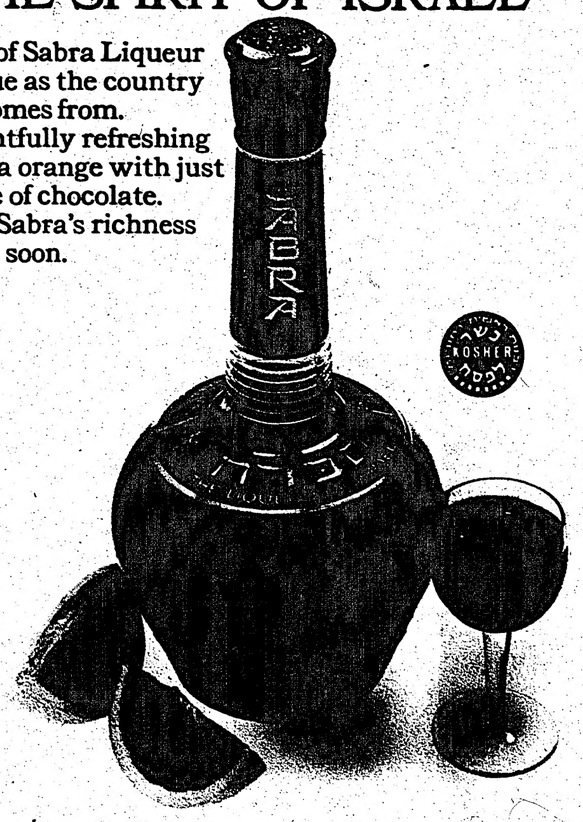

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National News

Yiddish renaissance discounted

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL — Current rumors about a revival of Yiddish culture in the Soviet Union, particularly Yiddish theatre in Moscow, are no basis for optimism about the future of Soviet Jewry, says Esther Markish, widow of renowned Russian Yiddish poet, Peretz Markish.

Mrs. Markish, a resident of Israel since 1972, has been visiting Europe and Canada as part of commemorative programs marking the 25th anniversary of the death of her husband and 23 other Soviet Yiddish poets and writers who were executed in a Stalinist purge in 1952.

Esther Markish

She emphasized that any attempts by Soviet authorities to encourage Yiddish theatre in Moscow would bring artificial results and were probably a token response to President Carter's human rights campaign.

"If they do re-establish Yiddish theatre there, it will be as meaningless as Sovietish Heimland, the Yiddish publication they began in the 1940s after they had killed all the representatives of Jewish culture in Russia."

Of greater importance at the moment, she said, was the fate of Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky. Citing the inconsistent pattern of behavior shown by Soviet authorities toward Jewish dissidents, Mrs. Markish said the charges against Scharansky may or may not be upheld.

"Everyone knows how illogical Soviets are," she said. "If they free him, it will be a good sign for the future of aliya to Israel. If they pass judgment against him, it will be dangerous not only for the activists like Alexander Lerner and Vladimir Slepak, but for Soviet Jewry as a whole."

As she arrived for the interview, Mrs. Markish noted with some sadness that the brisk Montreal weather reminded her more of Moscow than Tel Aviv, where she now lives. Her Moscow memories are by no means pleasant. Her late husband, with 23 other Yiddish writers, was arrested in late 1949 under a charge of "cosmopolitanism."

No word about his fate was received until 1955. "Five years we waited with no sign at all of whether he was alive or not," she recalled.

In 1953, at the time of the alleged Doctors' Plot against Stalin, the wives and children of the imprisoned Yiddish writers were also arrested. All were given 10-year prison terms and exiled to different parts of Khazarstan, a Soviet republic in Central Asia.

"The family of David Bergelson was in one place. Those of Moshe Kwitko in another location. But we only saw each other after we had come back from exile."

That came sooner than expected. The sudden death of Stalin ended their term of imprisonment after 2½ years. Mrs. Markish and her three children returned to Moscow to find their apartment had been given away to a neighbor and his daughter by the government.

"The government told us that since Peretz Markish was no longer alive, the additional space he required as a writer was no longer necessary. Two rooms for the four of us were enough. For 17 years, until we left for Israel, we had to share the apartment with our neighbor and his daughter."

Mrs. Markish explained that her profession as a translator of French literature was closed to her since she was a member of a "disgraced" family. She was sole supporter of three children and three elderly women including her mother, her sister-in-law and a nurse who had been with the family for many years. Initially, she worked as a housekeeper and later, as a secretary for a university professor.

"No one else would give me work," she said.

With the rise of Khrushchev and the easing of government policies, Mrs. Markish received a document from Soviet authorities which secretly rehabilitated her husband and allowed her to work again as a translator.

"That piece of paper gave me the possibility of regaining both my political and civil rights," she explained. "I began to earn a respectable living once more. But I was miserable. I could no longer stay in a country which had murdered my husband and destroyed Yiddish culture."

The lingering illness of her mother prevented her from applying for a visa immediately. "When we did finally apply for emigration visas in 1970, the government made it very difficult for us, simply because we were the family of the late Peretz Markish."

Two years after application was made, Mrs. Markish and her two sons were granted visas to come to Israel. (Her daughter continues to live in the Soviet Union.) "The government traditionally grants visas just before major celebrations. Ours were granted on the eve of the 55th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. Visas are given as illogically as everything else they do."

On the question of dissatisfaction among Soviet Jews following aliya, Mrs. Markish emphasized: "Those with strong Jewish feelings stay in Israel whatever the difficulties or problems. It's our homeland. Russia was only a stepmother for us."

In Israel there is no demand for the kind of translation she did in Moscow. Her knowledge of Hebrew is not sufficient enough for her to adapt her profession to another language. Instead, she has begun classifying the archives of her late husband which have been assembled at Tel Aviv University through the efforts of friends in Israel and abroad.

She is also actively involved in a project in Jerusalem which will create a park in memory of her husband and the other Yiddish writers who perished in 1952.

Despite years of tremendous hardship, Mrs. Markish remarks with quiet dignity, "I am no longer a young woman, but I have had the good fortune to see my grandson born in Israel bearing the name of his grandfather. For me, to see a young Peretz Markish in my later years is a great joy for me."

Her son David is a man of letters like his late father. He has recently completed a novel entitled **A New World for Simon Askenazi**, soon to be published in an English version. Mrs. Markish's own memoirs, **A Long Return**, is also about to be published.

Keep Trifa out, says Blum

By HARVEY WARREN

TORONTO — Canada should not allow a man under indictment in the United States and facing investigation of his citizenship to cross the Canada-U.S. border, says the author of a book on Nazi war criminals in America.

Howard Blum, the 28-year-old New York journalist who wrote **Wanted! The Search for Nazis in America**, said he understands Valerian Trifa, former Iron Guard commander and now a bishop of the Romanian Orthodox Church in America, is considering moving to Canada to avoid prosecution in the U.S.

As reported recently in The CJN, Trifa visited Montreal to attend the Orthodox Church in America convention at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel last month.

How Trifa is able to travel between his estate in Green Lakes, Mich. and Montreal is a mystery, Blum said in an interview following a speech at the Leah Posluns Theare last week.

Trifa was due to stand trial for immigration crimes this fall, Blum told reporters, but it has been postponed until January or February "and now if he's going to Canada it could mean a permanent postponement."

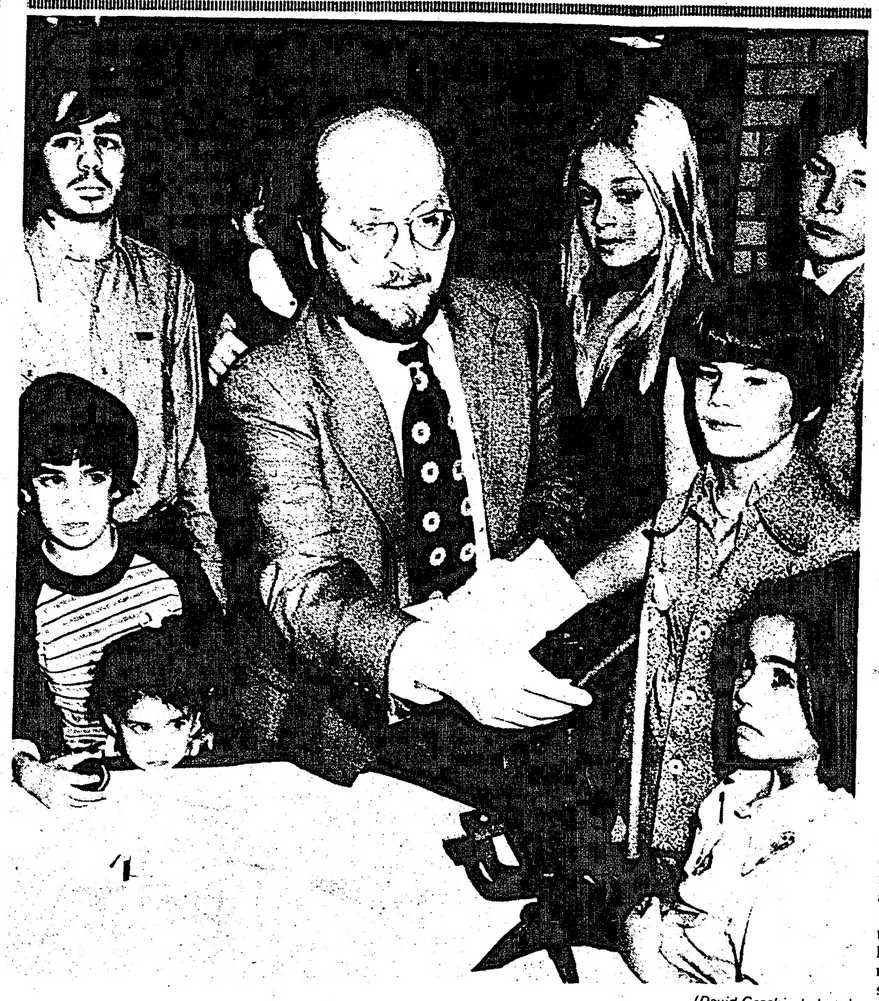
S. Joshua Langer, a lawyer and member of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Toronto Jewish Congress, said Trifa's entry into Canada is "inexplicable and outrageous." The committee sponsored Blum's talk as a feature of the Jewish Book Fair.

There are 143 war criminals accused of committing genocide living in America, Blum said, and only one (concentration camp guard Hermine Braunsteiner Ryan) has ever been deported.

Blum said Nazi war criminals are as protected in America as they are in Argentina. His book charges that this protection is being offered by various departments of the U.S. government, including the State Department.

But Langer suggested that, compared to the U.S., Canada is an even safer haven for war criminals. He noted the Nov. 19 issue of Weekend magazine reporting that 800 war criminals call Canada home.

Apart from Trifa, who allegedly ordered the death of hundreds of Romanian Jews and directed a pogrom in November, 1940, Blum summarized the cases of Andrija Artukovic, believed to have directed genocide in Yugoslavia and living, Blum said, in fear of vengeance but not of American justice; Tscherim "Tom" Soozokov, a first lieutenant in a Nazi mobile killing unit that participated in the murder of 1.4 million Jews on the eastern front, and Boleslavs Maikovskis, convicted in abstentia by a Latvian court in 1965 for his role as "organizer, inspirer and leader of a massacre" of defenceless inhabitants of the town of Audrini.



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Dr. Joseph Wohlgelernter, member of board of Centre Shelanu, lights Chanuka menora at party for families of staff and residents. Centre Shelanu, a Jewish Family & Child Service agency, is a residence for emotionally disturbed teenagers, located in Mount Pleasant area of Toronto. Residents study there.

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Glum-looking Mordecai Richler signs autographs at 'Y's Jewish Book Fair.

Audience is fodder for Richler's mill

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO —

It was a symbiotic love-hate relationship. The author — admired for his accolades, rejected for his pointed sarcasm; the audience — venerated for its well-meaning foibles, pinched for its middle class excesses.

But passions were somewhat cooled when Mordecai Richler met "the ladies" the other day at the 'Y'. Bowed over his prepared text at the lecturn, he eyed the women with a mixture of diffidence and indifference; they and their like were often the fodder for his artistic mill. The women, expecting to be outraged and paying for it, were instead largely amused and somewhat relieved.

The often-maligned writer, accused by Jews of self-hatred, turned out — to the disappointment of those who relished the stereotype — to be affable in his way, warmly satiric and witty. Carefully drawing out anecdotes like a stand-up comic, he tiptoed into his book fair topic, "A Jewish Writer and the Community."

But when he warmed to his subject matter at the close of his entertaining and safe patter, the women bristled at mildly offended sensibilities, sometimes whispered in reproach, but generally applauded.

"Toronto was the first place where I was charged with anti-Semitism in the late '50s," recalled Richler, who recounted how one lady asked him why his archetypal hero, Duddy Kravitz, couldn't have had an Italian name.

"I get a certain amount of hate mail, usually unsigned," he continued. "People like you should be burned in the gas ovens," wrote one woman, whose signature, "fellow Jewess," led Richler to quip that it was the first time his sexuality had also been called into question.

"As a general rule people who accuse me of anti-Semitism have never read my books," he said reading his text word for word. "But they've heard about it." Most of the charges, he added, are levelled against **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz**, in the novel and film form. Neither had an anti-Semitic intent, he assured, adding that Duddy is "far from a repugnant character.

"There are many Duddys in St. Urbain Street," he said, a little more forcefully. "Those who object to him are the ones who are far too ashamed of their background. Not me." From a polite trickle, the applause swelled.

Years ago, the two-time Governor-General's award winner noted, American Jewish authors masked their quintessentially Jewish characters in a non-Jewish milieu, like Paddy Chayefsky's **Marty** or Arthur Miller's **All My Sons**. But when an author tends to be critical, "the Jewish community rather than applauding tends to take umbrage."

It is often difficult, said the 46-year-old author, essayist and screenwriter, to emulate the community's distastes. The Bar Mitzva scene in Duddy could not surpass the hoopla of "Bad Boy's" celebration for his son, said Richler, drawing a gasp from his audience. Nor, even as a satirist, could he match the humor of Israel Bonds in Montreal awarding Tony Curtis the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanitarian Award.

"I'm trying to be an honest witness to my time and place," he finished meaningfully, as he walked off the stage clutching his text and styrofoam cup, amidst applause.

Dressed in a brown corduroy jacket, Richler had earlier titillated his listeners with anecdotes about the lecture and TV talk-show circuit, lashing into popular biographer Irving Stone in a spoof on the American author's pretentious interview style.

Touching on his own entree into the literary world, he remarked that Canadians were "conditioned to believe that the world happened elsewhere . . . the Canadian kid who wanted to be prime minister," he quipped, "wasn't thinking big, but was setting his limits early."

Like his characters Jake and Luke in **St. Urbain's Horseman**, anemia was Richler's heritage, said the writer, who left Canada for London. Author of seven novels, his latest book, **Jacob Two-Two Meets The Hooded Fang**, a work originally intended for the amusement of his five children, will appear in a movie version early next year.

Singling out Canadian authors Northrop Frye, Robertson Davies and Morley Callaghan, he said many Canadian writers "appear to be whales who limit their splashing to a pond."

After lampooning the interviewers and public who naively question a writer as to how he approaches his art, Richler appeared to reluctantly acquiesce to the obligatory autograph seekers. His tie loosened, he cocked his head back regularly and pursed his lips in a smile, graciously accepting a parcel of food pressed into his hand by an admirer.

Some people were wondering aloud whether tidbits of this experience, as well, would find their way into his parodies.

Carter's aide sends BB letter

TORONTO —

President Carter's legal counsel, Robert Lipshutz, has told B'nai B'rith District 22's executive vice-president that the visit of Anwar Sadat to Israel "helped to overcome some of the previously insurmountable psychological problems which have kept the Arabs and Israelis apart for the past 30 years."

In a personal letter to Herb Levy, the presidential counsel also wrote that the issues which divide Israel and the Arab states must be the subject of "negotiations between the parties."

In a previous letter to Lipshutz, dated Oct. 26, Levy wrote: "I note in a recent JTA bulletin a report of your presentation, at a Jewish community meeting, in which you were quoted to the effect that 'central to the Middle East situation is the Palestinian and refugee problems.'

"I know how easy it is for published reports to distort, but I felt that I should take the opportunity to reiterate my own view, which hopefully is yours too, that central to the problem is not the Palestinian or the refugee or even the settlement issues but rather the inflexible refusal of Arab regimes to live in peace with Israel."

Gulkin -- right man in right place

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Is it possible that one of the nerve centres of the Canadian film industry can be reached through a rear door in the Cote St. Luc shopping centre? That may be an unlikely location for a major film company, but, there, in a series of small offices, is the main base of operations of Gulkin Productions, best known for its award-winning film **Lies My Father Told Me**.

In a recent interview, film producer Harry Gulkin freely admitted that he had been the right man in the right place during an unusually expansive period in Canadian film production. "I don't know whether there would have been the fruition of English language film-making in Canada had there not been a general change for the better in the film-financing situation," he said.

Seated uncomfortably at his desk and looking like a tousled combination of Albert Einstein and Habitat architect Moshe Safdie, Gulkin explained that his total commitment to film-making began seven years ago, when he acquired the screen rights for **Lies**.

He had earlier completed a highly successful sales promotion film for Place Bonaventure where he was a marketing and design consultant. Soon after, he became convinced of the need to change careers. His previous occupations have included those of portrait photographer, merchant seaman, labor organizer, and journalist.

The company he heads recently completed filming two major projects scheduled for release sometime next year. The first is a film version of Mordecai Richler's work, **Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang**, a children's story about a young boy who repeats everything twice. The other, already considered a landmark in Canadian cinematic history, is **Two Solitudes**, the film adaptation of Hugh McLennan's well-known novel.

Being an effective producer, noted Gulkin, is synonymous with being a good businessman. "What you do every time you make a picture is create a business — an enterprise which lasts for the life of the film production. As producer, you are involved in everything from selection of screenplay, casting, recruiting the director to marketing and promotion."

His knowledge of the latter came with 10 years of experience at Steinberg's Ltd., where he was director of organizational planning and executive assistant to the president. Gulkin was also responsible for a multi-screen film and slide biography marking the 70th birthday of Sam Steinberg in December, 1975.

A year later, **Penny and Ann**, a film he made for the Lethbridge Rehabilitation Centre in Montreal, won second prize in a film festival held in Tel Aviv.

In explaining the success of **Lies My Father Told Me** in Canada, Gulkin said the delight of audiences experiencing familiar places and people on the screen had much to do with it. The French-Canadian film industry, he said, had tended to rely too heavily on that element of familiarity. It was paying for it now in the form of a disastrous slump, he added.

"Certainly films have to deal with our own experience and the realities of our lives," he said, "but they also have to appeal to a level of meaning which is universal. In **Lies My Father Told Me**, we have a love story — the relationship between a grandfather and his grandson which exists in every culture."

For Gulkin, the setting of **Lies** coincided precisely with his own personal experiences growing up in the Montreal Jewish community of the '30s and '40s.

At the time, his father owned a photo studio on St. Lawrence Boulevard with a backyard leading onto St. Dominique. "Nearby," he recalled, "there was a blacksmith who used to shoe the horses of the ragpickers. Every day I saw men like the zaide in **Lies** and I remember them crying "regs, regs".

The great danger of doing a film like **Lies**, he said, was that of excessive sentimentality. "The Jewish people tend to be strong on sentimentality, although it is by no means an exclusively Jewish trait."

He admitted that the question of sentimentality was indirectly an ingredient in the theme of **Two Solitudes**. "Although it is not universally true across the board, the English tend to contain their emotions more than the French. This definitely contributes to the difficulties in communication between the groups and is a central factor of the two solitudes."

In producing this particular film, Gulkin said he had come to feel the anguish on both sides of the national unity question. "I understand the bafflement of English Canada as well as the deep feelings of French-Canadians," he said.

This past January, Gulkin was instrumental in founding the Motion Picture Institute of Canada.

(Warren Lipton photo)

Montreal film director Harry Gulkin [left] offers a few words of advice to actor Raymond Cloutier on set of "Two Solitudes", based on Hugh McLennan's novel.

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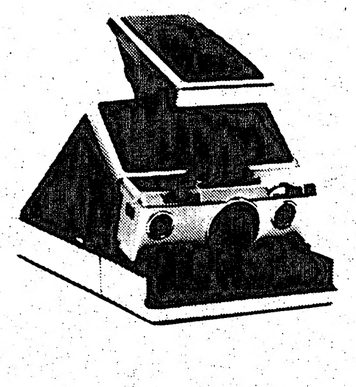

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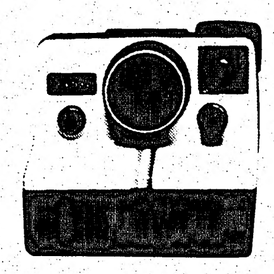

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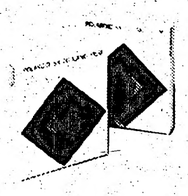

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Striking relevancy

Toronto the Good. Toronto, a Victorian city of prude moralists. Toronto, the bastion of WASP culture. Some myths die hard.

It didn't take Walter Pitman's Task Force on Human Relations to explode those stereotypes, but it was a welcome reminder — following on the heels of the Ontario Human Rights Commission's review — that we live in a heterogeneous community and people are suffering because of those very differences.

The city is plagued by culture shock, a rapid change in its demography, coupled with an economic malaise that vents itself in acts of violence. In 1951, 19% of Metro's residents were born outside Canada. By 1971, as the population doubled, the number of foreign-born jumped to 37%. In the last six years Toronto has attracted 31% of Canada's immigrants; and by 1976, close to 60% of these new citizens were members of visible minorities — Asians, West Indians and Africans.

But the statistics don't tell the story. "Ethnic jokes, harassment, name-calling take place within a context and it is clear that in Toronto there is a body of racist opinion and a broad spectrum of racist attitudes which form the background to these actions, encourage their initiation and give them support," the report's authors concluded.

Furthermore, a study sponsored by the Secretary of State revealed that the more religious individuals had more racist tendencies and the racism between immigrant groups were a reality. While the Pitman report was relegated to a study of violence against the non-white communities, particularly Asian, it has a striking relevancy to the Jewish minority.

It is not enough to fall on the resources of government for solutions to the racism problem. And task force reports are futile unless met with pragmatic programs. Pointing to the Christie Pits, Jew vs. Gentile riot in the 1930s and a 1976 mob attack of whites against Hindus, the report warns that should racism be allowed to flourish similar outbreaks of violence will become the norm.

Communal, religious and educational institutions supply the infrastructure in this community for anti-racist programing, to counter our own biases. It would be facile and naive for us to assume that our slate is squeaky clean.

True to traditions

Civic and religious leaders joined Holy Blossom Temple congregants in honoring retiring Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut this past weekend. It not only marked a milestone in the career of a man but somewhat of a landmark in the Reform community in the city.

For Rabbi Plaut — an articulate and vibrant religious and communal leader, scholar and teacher — added stature to his congregation and gained the admiration of his co-religionists in all three branches of Judaism, as well as the respect of the Gentile community.

An internationally acclaimed biblical scholar whose Torah commentaries are the backbone publications of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the rabbi has infused Reform Judaism in this city with a respect for tradition and cultural ritual, while promoting dialogue between Jew and Jew, and Jew and Christian.

Leader of leaders in the Reform Movement, he has also taken on the mantle of the presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress, and though he retires as senior rabbi — maintaining the post of senior scholar at the Temple — he has not relinquished his responsibility to the community, for which we are gratified.

In Talmudic times, the rabbi was the interpreter and expounder of the Bible and Oral Law; in the Middle Ages, the title denoted great scholarly standing and religious authority; in recent times, the modern rabbi has played an increasing role in the field of human relations, civil rights and organized communal life, often interpreting Jewish tradition to his Christian neighbors.

Rabbi Plaut has remained true to all three traditions.

Haj to Mecca

Amid all the excitement and passion unleashed by the visit of President Sadat to Israel one naturally enough tended to overlook, even ignore, another event which toppled psychological barriers in the Middle East.

We refer to the Saudi Arabian decision to lift the three-decade-old ban on the entry of Israeli Moslems to its territory on the annual haj, or Islamic pilgrimage.

Just days before President Sadat flew to Israel, four Israeli Moslems crossed the Allenby Bridge on their way to Mecca, the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammed. This was no ordinary pilgrimage to Islam's holiest city. The Israeli citizens, like Anwar Sadat, made history.

Though their trip to Mecca was three decades in the making, the chain of events which led to its fruition began last year when an Israeli Moslem delegation conferred with King Hussein in Amman. Though the Israelis were in Jordan to express their condolences to the king upon the untimely death of his young wife in a helicopter crash, they took it upon themselves to broach the subject of the haj with Jordanian authorities.

The Jordanians were sympathetic to their request and they convinced the Saudis to allow Israeli Moslems into their country. The Saudis were amenable, but they attached one significant condition: Israelis could enter Saudi Arabia only with Jordanian travel documents.

The Saudi refusal to recognize Israeli travel documents comes as no surprise; Riyadh has no diplomatic relations with Jerusalem and the two countries are technically in a state of war. However, the lifting of the travel ban is a fairly important achievement not to be underestimated. It represents a step away from belligerency.

It does not mean that King Khalid is about to visit Israel and inject some of President Sadat's "electric shock diplomacy" into the Middle East. But it does mean that the high walls which separate Israel from its Arab neighbors are showing some signs of wear.

New cultural heights

Judging by the thousands of people who frequented cultural events sponsored by the Jewish Book Month committee, this community has marked a new point in its maturation index.

The idea of concentrating a series of lectures, symposia discussions and special exhibitions in a short span of a few weeks has its advantages. Interest is kept at a high pitch and if the quality of programing is maintained throughout, that interest will not be dissipated.

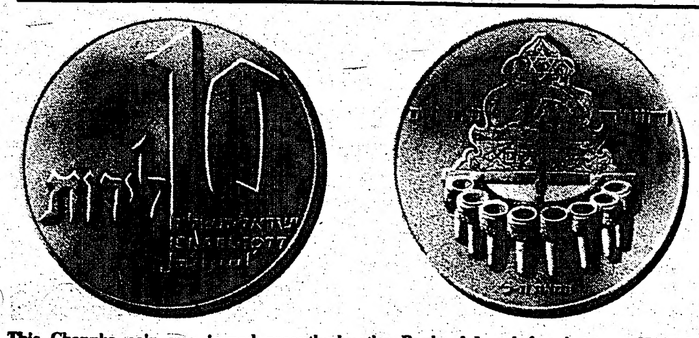
What the cultural committee has demonstrated is that Torontonians are willing to flock to and pay for lectures on a variety of literary, political and religious issues.

It helps, of course to arrange for top-flight talent. The visits to this city by personages such as Irving Howe, Lucy Dawidowicz, Howard Blum, Zalman Abramov, Chaim Grade, Matti Meged and Danny Siegel brought Toronto to new Jewish cultural heights.

There is one small demurrer. Half of the invited guests came from outside Canada.

There is consolation, however, to be derived from the fact that event organizers saw fit to display native Canadian talent as well. In the future perhaps those in charge will increase the Canadian content.

In the meantime, kudos to the 'Y', to the Jewish Public Library, to the Toronto Jewish Congress and the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations for putting Toronto on North America's Jewish cultural atlas.



This Chanuka coin was issued recently by the Bank of Israel for the year 5738. It features a lamp designed in Jerusalem at early part of 20th century. It's worth 10 lirot.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt bids good-bye to Israeli political and military leaders as he leaves Israel after a 44-hour stay in the Jewish state. Toronto photographer Gadi Hoz, a native Israeli, was in Israel when the Egyptian head of state arrived. Seen in his photo are Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Ephraim Katzir.

An unconventional political gambler, Sadat is accustomed to high stakes

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The extraordinary gamble Anwar Sadat took in visiting Israel last month shocked outsiders unfamiliar with his seemingly rash and flamboyant style. But to observers who have followed his career since he succeeded Gamal Abdel Nasser as Egyptian president, Sadat's whirlwind trip fell into a recognizable pattern.

As Nadav Safran, an American Middle East scholar put it: "By outlook and temperament, President Sadat is disposed to seek solutions to knotty problems through the grand, courageous, unconventional act rather than through the humdrum, timid, play-it-safe approach of bureaucrat-dominated leaders."

Ever since he assumed power, Sadat, 58, has had no hesitation in gambling for high stakes. And, with two exceptions thus far, he has won all of his wagers.

Less than six months after Nasser's death, Sadat put the Israelis on the diplomatic defensive by accepting Gunnar Jarring's proposals for a formal peace agreement with the Jewish state. Because the bitter memories of the Six Day War and 1969-1970 War of Attrition were so fresh in the minds of the Arabs, and because the Israelis were mistrustful of Arab intentions, the Jarring mission failed. The UN mediator returned to his position as Swedish ambassador to Russia, and Sadat's reputation took a beating, at a time when he was still in the process of tightening his grip on the reins of power and winning the confidence of the army.

Sadat's next gamble occurred soon afterwards, when he ousted Ali Sabry and his left-wing cohorts from their entrenched positions in the government. Unlike Nasser, he never fancied himself as a socialist and his success in rooting out leftists won him support from middle class Egyptians whose property had been nationalized by the previous regime.

In the summer of 1972, Sadat moved Egypt further to the right of the political spectrum by abruptly dismissing 20,000 Soviet military personnel, whom Nasser had brought in, in response to massive Israeli air attacks against the Egyptian heartland. Commentators viewed the move as a dangerous gamble because of Egypt's vulnerable dependence on Soviet military equipment.

Nevertheless, it was popularly acclaimed. Few Egyptians liked the Soviets, either personally or ideologically. Sadat risked his ties with Moscow for several reasons, chief among them being his desire to show the United States that he wished Washington to play a meaningful role in Middle East diplomacy.

On the eve of the October, 1973 war, Sadat delivered a number of significant speeches in which the dominant theme was that only the U.S. could break the political deadlock in the region. Washington, not Moscow, had the leverage to pressure the Israelis, he told his people.

When Sadat launched the Yom Kippur War, strategists around the world admitted their astonishment. The conventional wisdom was that Israel was so strong that no Arab country or countries would dare go to war. And the Suez Canal, together with the Bar-Lev Line, was a formidable natural obstacle and tank trap. Besides, they argued, Sadat had proclaimed 1971 as "the year of decision" — the year his forces would dislodge Israel from the Sinai — and nothing had ever come of that.

Sadat ordered the assault because he was convinced that only force — a limited military success — would thaw the frozen political situation in the Middle East. As it turned out, he was partly right. Due to the war and the Arab oil embargo, Washington imposed itself as the region's final arbiter. For Sadat, a pious Moslem, this was a god-send. Now, after six years of diplomatic inactivity and frustration, the way was open for a settlement of an interim or permanent nature.

Henry Kissinger's success in working out the Sinai I disengagement enabled Egypt and the U.S. to forge relatively close ties, which is exactly what Sadat wanted.

The Egyptian president, capitalizing on the growing warmth of U.S./Egyptian relations, undertook his next gamble in 1974 when he announced the Open Door economic policy. The policy was meant to encourage Western investment in Egypt. A minority of businessmen and managers applauded the Open Door, while the working class withheld its reaction even as Sadat began to dismantle the relatively socialist economy that Nasser had painstakingly built.

With several exceptions, the Open Door proved to be a failure. It enriched an extremely small number of Egyptians, creating a conspicuous consuming class with a fondness for sleek German cars, opulent villas and French clothes. The rich got richer and the poor got poorer. Because of the political uncertainty inherent in the Arab-Israeli conflict, only a handful of investors displayed any interest in Egypt. When Sadat rescinded the food subsidies, serious urban riots broke out, the most severe since the overthrow of the monarchy. Eighty Egyptians were killed and a chastened Sadat retracted his measures.

Sadat's penultimate gamble followed his decision to de-socialize the Egyptian economy. After the collapse of Kissinger's Sinai II shuttle diplomacy in March of 1975, when tensions rose in the area, he took an incredible chance by opening the Suez Canal to international traffic.

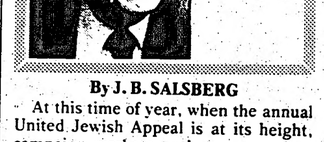
The canal was in easy artillery range of Israeli guns, but Sadat felt that the risk was worth the gamble. Five hundred million dollars in annual shipping revenue could not be ignored, especially when the economy was in a shambles. Concomitantly, Sadat gave the go-ahead signal to rebuild the towns along the canal that had been devasted between 1967 and 1970. This was beneficial in two ways: it relieved the population pressure on Cairo, a bustling, over-crowded city, and gave the impression that Egypt really sought peace.

The president's latest gamble — his visit to Israel — will probably pay off. If nothing else, the trip was a brilliant public relations, or propaganda, triumph.

In the view of most pundits, Sadat's visit also has the effect of pressuring Israel into moderating its views on the status of the occupied territories and the Palestinians. And it creates the conditions for much closer Egyptian-American economic and military ties, all of which is to Cairo's long-range benefit.

Thus, in one fell swoop Anwar Sadat — Arab opposition notwithstanding — has changed the political complexion of the Middle East.

To pillory or psychiatrist's couch?



By J. B. SALSBERG

At this time of year, when the annual United Jewish Appeal is at its height, campaign workers exchange experiences that either warm the heart or fill one with anger and despair.

As a rule the reports of generous and eager contributors predominate, of course. Otherwise, the relatively large sums required to meet our minimum obligations to Israel, to needy Jewish communities around the world and to our own vital institutions at home (educational, welfare, immigrant, the aged, student work etc.) would not be raised.

But, unfortunately, there are also altogether too many reports of encounters with individuals that fill the canvassers with either rage or despair. Listening to such shocking reports one wonders whether some of the negative people mentioned are only miserable cynics, or anti-social misanthropes, or victims of acute psychological and emotional disturbances.

In the heat of anger some people feel that those flagrant evaders of communal responsibilities should be publicly exposed to pillory. Pillory, in case you didn't know it, was a widespread method of punishment imposed on miscreants in olden times. According to the dictionary a pillory consisted of "a wooden frame supported by an upright post, having holes through which the head and hands of a person exposed to disgrace were passed and secured."

Soon, however, what we call Jewish ethics takes over and the pillory idea is quickly rejected. Shaming a person, we are taught, and in public at that, is a cardinal sin. Besides, our community is a completely voluntary association of Jews. Our community organs are without legal powers to impose taxes or to punish the non-payers.

Jews give out of moral, national or human considerations. As to those among us who lack such qualities (which means that they are nisht kein Yidden un nisht kein menshen), there is little we can do except to try and try again to change their ways.

As for the psychologically warped souls among us we should, perhaps, enlist the help of our psychiatrists. (But uncle Eliezer asks whether some of our psychiatrists aren't, nebech, also in need of help.)

Before I go much further I want to be clearly understood. My complaint and criticisms are not directed only against those among the well-to-do who either don't give enough or not at all. It is also against the small businessmen and the wage and salary earners who allow themselves to be non-givers. In my book the person who gives $10.00 and the one who gives $10,000 are on an equal footing and of equal merit and authority. The decisive thing is that the giving be on the basis of ability to contribute.

Now, let us proceed to examine some typical "problem children" in our communities on the basis of reports of our most dedicated campaigners. The delinquents may be compared to the "four sons" of the Passover Haggada...

1. The cynic and dodger. He either lies, or finds faults in the community, or in Israel's policies, as an excuse for not contributing. He is truly a bad actor, as the saying goes.

2. The pledger who defaults. This type of faker, when caught at a meeting, announces a substantial pledge to UJA. He gets a round of applause for his generosity, but he fails to make good his pledge. He just doesn't pay. In fact he had no intention of paying when he made the pledge. Furthermore, this character will repeat the same trick year after year. He is not only a bad actor, he is a cynical cheat.

3. The seeker of the maximum publicity for his dollar. This member of the "four sons of the Haggada" is not a non-giver. He does give — even though far less than he should — but he gives with an eye to the maximum exposure that his dollar will buy. To UJA he will make a token contribution but will be more liberal in some special interest campaign. In such areas he will buy — for dirt cheap prices — deafening applause, pictures and testimonials. Oh, he gets the best exposure for his dollar!

4. The finicky exclusivist. This type is not quite bad but not quite logical either. He thinks of himself as not belonging to the "common herd". He directs his cautious donation to a special institution here or abroad and gives nothing, or next to nothing, to the general fund, to UJA.

If such-a-one is asked and what about our local educational needs, or what of Israel, or what of the needy aged in our midst and what about other local institutions that function largely because of the UJA? If you ask him such questions he will reply with an air of superiority that the "others", the majority, will look after that. "They, but not he," as the Haggada says.

Well, enough is enough. The pillory? That's not the Jewish way. (Uncle Eliezer interrupts to say that this column is also a pillory. But I tell my uncle that this is in the spirit of the Haggada and what could be more Jewish? Besides, I don't name names...)

The psychiatrist's couch? No. I've heard of analyses that dragged on for years without positive results. And who can wait that long? I'm afraid that we will have to do it all ourselves in the traditional way of never giving up.

In the meantime, we must see that the current UJA campaign reaches and surpasses its objective.

She's committed to portraying 'true Jewish experience'

Author Adele Wiseman cannot be pigeon-holed

By TOBA KORENBLUM

TORONTO — It took Adele Wiseman 44 attempts before she could find a publisher interested in printing her novel **Crackpot**. It wasn't the work of a novice, but of a writer who at 28 had secured an international reputation and a Governor General's award for her first piece of fiction, **The Sacrifice.**

The 18-year hiatus between the two novels is partly the product of Wiseman's methodical approach to her art and her preoccupation with complex social and moral issues that aren't easily digested along with the morning bowl of corn flakes.

She's also stubborn and irascible when it comes to her writing and defies being pigeon-holed, which consternates her publishers and sacrifices mass appeal. While for years after her initial acclaim, critics were writing her artistic obituary, she was slowly mapping out two complicated dramas that have yet to reach the public eye.

But as Wiseman sees it, she is not immersed in the cultural mainstream, both as a Jew and as a writer. Both her novels and unpublished plays are deeply committed to portraying what she says is the true Jewish experience — something that publishers and even the Jewish reading public do not find palatable.

"Publishers say they are fed up with the Jewish thing," she says, over coffee and pastries in her Rushton Avenue home. "The Jewish genre novel was in vogue after the war. It was unfashionable then to be vocally anti-Semitic. And it was extremely useful for Jewish writers to say 'we're just like anyone else,' or for Jewish writers to say anti-Semitic things. It was a great relief for the Gentile publisher and reader. The Jewish writer, though, was reacting to this saccharine permissiveness and was falling into the trap."

The most popular North American Jewish writers, she explains without naming names, "very honestly portray their confusion and self-hatred" in their writing.

On the other end of the spectrum, she also rebukes writers who portray Jews as fulfilling a legacy of self-sacrifice and martyrdom, like Andre Schwarz-Bart's **Last of the Just**. "In my Judaism nothing says I'm born to suffer. That's the Catholic Church's view that Jews have to suffer to validate Christianity. For me, Judaism is life-affirming."

Hoda, the central character of **Crackpot** is just such a life-affirming subject: a worldly, earthy prostitute with a golden heart. "I suspect that among Jews there are people who wouldn't read it because it violated a beloved fiction that there are no Jewish whores," says Wiseman. "And if there are Jewish whores, the Gentiles shouldn't know about it."

She finds it ironic that Jews would reject a work like **Crackpot** which shows an honest sensitivity and concern with moral questions at the very heart of the Jewish ethos. Both her novels describe the confrontation between old world values and new world realities; the wrenching adjustments of a generation of immigrants and their offspring.

She described herself as quite a naive kid when she wrote her first novel, "well within established tradition." With her second work, her thematic preoccupation has been stretched in a form that demands more of the reader but bears richer rewards.

Wiseman herself is a product of the very experiences she writes about. Raised in Winnipeg, she is the child of Ukrainian immigrants; her father a tailor, her mother a seamstress. Eight years ago, already in her 40s, she had her first and only child, Tamara. All three generations are now housed under one roof, as she cares for her elderly parents.

Winnipeg, which has produced a cadre of Jewish writers and comedians, had its affect on her. Geographically isolated, the city of her youth encapsulated a variety of nationalities in different ghettos, and a degree of anti-Semitism from the Scottish majority influenced her perceptions.

After her BA at the University of Manitoba, she led an itinerant existence: she worked at a half-way house for Jewish girls in London's East End; taught English in Italy at an embassy school; travelled to Hong Kong in a cargo boat in an attempt to enter China to research a book and lived in the U.S. on a Guggenheim fellowship.

For four years Montreal was her home where she taught at MacDonald College and Sir George Williams. Last year she lived in Kleinburg and commuted to the University of Toronto where she served as writer-in-residence.

Dressed in slacks and a short-sleeved sweat shirt, she putters around her kitchen preparing a meal. A corkboard wall in the room is decorated from floor to ceiling with drawings by Tamara. The freshly naive pictures bear a striking resemblance to a collection of dolls displayed in the dining room. Hand-sewn by Wiseman's mother, they are a gay assortment of folkloric spirits, finished with an array of sequins, spools, fishtails and lace. The dolls are the subject of a just completed book which examines the creative process.

Artists, she says, are often afraid of looking critically at what they are doing as if to destroy the mystique or magic of writing. Self-analysis benefits the creative process, she argues.

An occasional book reviewer herself, she is dismayed by the critical ability of reviewers and editors. Editors in publishing houses, she says, "are nice little girls with unilinear minds who can't read beyond a simple narrative." The country's art critics are on the whole incapable and uneducated, she charges.

Publishers insist that a writer must market himself by quickly following up a first successful novel with a second that is but a variation; only then will the novelist establish a rapport with his reading public. "I'm going to write what I want to write," she says stubbornly. "I'm not a real professional, in that I don't use my writing to make a living. I don't have the moral stamina to face myself everyday.

"The fact that someone makes money doesn't necessarily mean he's a good artist. It's a mistake to tie the two together. But success is not necessarily synonymous with whoredom. The two things function independently."

Harri Aalto's cover of Adele Wiseman's novel, "The Sacrifice", captures story's mood.

Sacrifice, unusual for a Canadian novel written in the mid '50s, received considerable attention from American and British critics, which paved the way for its Canadian acclaim. Still today, says Wiseman, "Americans and English dominate the academic scene in Canada and there isn't a willingness to let go of their entrenched literary valuables."

After being labelled in her young adulthood as a "one-novel writer," Wiseman says she is not too concerned about public fashion and popularity. "I've recognized I'm not going to be the queen of Hollywood," she says. "Once you recognize that, you look around, let her be and do your own work."

Letters to the Editor

'We must not interfere in management of Israel's day-to-day affairs,' says reader

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the comments of Eric Flanders in your issue of Friday, Nov. 11. I would like to briefly comment on the subject discussed by him; whether we share in the management of Israel or not does not detract from the fact that "we are one" and united in a common destiny. I do not think we ought to have a share in the management of Israel at all.

Yes, we are responsible for each other as Jews and human beings, but that does not mean we have to be involved in the running of the daily lives of the people in Israel.

We are united — the Jews in the Diaspora and the Jews in Israel — for a common goal and a common purpose.

The Jews in Israel are fulfilling the mitzva of living a full Jewish life in the state of Israel. We, on our part, must do our share to cement that bond of unity by providing funds to develop the country, by promulgating Judaism, by strengthening the Jewish way of life, by promoting aliya and by learning the Hebrew language, the language of our people which can serve as one of the most effective ingredients for unity of our people.

We can act in a consultative capacity and have a free flow of information and education between each other, but we must not interfere in the management of the country.

David Finestone,
Montreal

Clarification

Dear Editor:

With reference to your recent article (Nov. 25) on my appointment as executive director of Mizrachi of Toronto, I would like to clarify a few points as to avoid any misconceptions from your readers.

First, my appointment is as a director of the Men's Mizrachi Organization of Toronto Region. Secondly, with reference to your statement of my previous involvement with Centre Shelanu, your text should have stated that I was involved in the creating of programs at the centre as well as their director of school services.

Edwin Schild,
Toronto

Naches group

Dear Editor:

It was with great pleasure that we read Daniel Acks' article on HaMishpacha, Toronto's gay Jewish group (Nov. 4). In view of the lack of support demonstrated by the Toronto Jewish community for fellow Jews who happen to be gay, it is heartening that a medium of your influence in the community chose to discuss HaMishpacha and its place in Toronto's gay and Jewish communities.

We should also like to point out the existence of Naches, Montreal's gay Jewish group, which this month celebrates its third year of service to Montreal's gay Jews. Weekly meetings of a religious, social and political nature take place in members' homes and monthly Sabbath services will be held beginning in January.

Our response from the Montreal Jewish community, albeit often negative, is preferable to what Acks describes as the "little or no response" with which the Toronto Jewish community has reacted to HaMishpacha.

Although meetings with several local rabbis and one local community organization have borne no results, by November's end, 25 women's discussion groups and B'nai B'rith, ORT and National Council of Jewish Women chapters and one men's B'nai B'rith lodge will have been addressed by Naches members on homosexuality. Naches has been visited by representatives of the Montreal Women's Campaign for Soviet Jewry (Committee of 35) and recently participated in a candlelight march on the Soviet consulate sponsored by that group.

HaMishpacha and Naches are only unique in that they are the only gay Jewish organizations in Canada. But throughout the world, in such American cities as New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami, Los Angeles and San Francisco and in London, Paris and Tel Aviv, gay Jews are meeting regularly, celebrating their Jewish heritage in an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance.

We welcome the opportunity of discussing our group and its aims with your readers, gay or straight, and can be reached by writing P.O. Box 298, Station H, Montreal.

Roy Salonin,
Harvey Blackman,
Mark Speevak,
Mark Gerson,
Montreal

Blackmail?

Dear Editor:

Rita Eisendrath's "Comment" (CJN, Nov. 18) on Reform Jewry, vis-a-vis their rights in the state of Israel, disturbs me to the extent that I find it offensive.

Mrs. Eisendrath states: "If Diaspora Jews...in these two movements (that is, Conservative and Reform) are to continue supporting Israel, financially and morally, should they not be part of the Israeli establishment?"

Are we to understand from this sage statement that every dollar we give to Israel be based on whether or not the state's actions meet with our personal approval? Can we who love the state of Israel be so irresponsible as to turn off the tap, morally and financially, whenever we do not feel personally gratified by the actions of its leaders? Do we have the right to blackmail the country we love; the country we live for and have died for? Is that what Mrs. Eisendrath calls commitment?

Philosophically, I can well understand Mrs. Eisendrath's comments. Any Jewish movement that didn't see Eretz Yisrael as a basic fundamental of Jewish belief and required a "Columbus Platform of 1935" to delete "anti-Zionism from the Reform ethic," could just as easily turn around in 1977 and threaten the Zionist state with financial blackmail.

Mrs. Eisendrath, love for the state of Israel is not something that a Jew can turn on or off at will. It is not something that can be voted on or vetoed at a meeting of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. Rather, love for Israel is a basic fundamental of Judaism and is something that every Jewish child is born with.

When one reads of the tremendous effort and the phenomenal assistance afforded the state of Israel by such Reform leaders as Rabbi Gunther Plaut and when one reflects on their commitment, their sacrifice in time and energy and their open support of the state in the public press, one can only conclude that Mrs. Eisendrath is really not a true spokeswoman for the Reform movement.

David B. Woolf,
Toronto

Holocaust

Dear Editor:

I would like to react to the article by Elie Wiesel in the Nov. 18 edition of The Canadian Jewish News entitled, "The Holocaust: Some say it didn't happen".

How did it happen that some say it didn't happen? Have the Jewish people themselves not cried out loud enough so that the world will notice the loss of one-third of our people? Is Yad Vashem, the monumental memorial to the six million in Jerusalem, not an epitaph of the greatest human tragedy?

Are we to start all over again to convene and to convince the human race that such a calamity has taken place? For those who survived, like myself, this must be the most shocking experience after the Second World War.

I would like to call it murder and abuse on a universal scale.

Not only did they butcher 1,500,000 children and 4,500,000 parents and other members of a great and ancient people, but also a culture and tradition with an economic base that existed in Europe for over 1,000 years.

The remains of the gates of hell are still there for all to see. Auschwitz and other camps "fortunately" have been preserved by the countries where it took place for all to see. Are we not at this time to cry out against the abuse of the so-called "new intellectuals" who are "building a theory" that it never happened? Are we not maybe at this time to gather documentation, books and possibly other artifacts to witness this, the greatest tragedy?

Unfortunately, our people have not done much to insure the eternity of those who perished and no sign of them even having existed. This could very well become a "reality" in the eyes of the world-wide population.

Other than some monument at the odd cemetery naming the shtetl where the Holocaust occurred, there are no signs. "Fortunately" enough, we are the people of the Book and the survivors themselves in Israel as well as in the U.S. and other countries have documented the Holocaust in books. There is a book for almost every town and city and hundreds of Jewish communities that existed before the war. In these books, there is a history of the community with its background, its economic and cultural existence. Also, in these books, there is a recorded history of the Holocaust with the names of the murderers who killed and robbed, as well in many cases, photographs of the victims and the individual names of the various victims.

It would occur to me that a memorial hall adjoining a university, a major school, or even part of a community centre should be seriously considered.

If the "Lest we forget" means anything to us, then such a project is of absolute importance to us. Let us not permit people like Prof. Robert Faurisson of the Sorbonne, Prof. Austin J. App of LaSalle College in Philadelphia, and their ilk call our greatest tragedy "the six million swindle".

The fact that we convene once a year, "Yom-hazikaron", for our dead is not making an impact on the rest of the world. Let us not forget that the civilized world, as we know it, should be reminded and be constantly shown the evidence. Unless we do just that, what we call civilization can become uncivilized very soon.

Jack Israeli,
Toronto

Father of the atomic bomb victim of Cold War hysteria

landmark events in our history

By ROCHELLE CARR

It was Dec. 7, 1941 — the attack on Pearl Harbor. Events of that day not only brought the U.S. into World War II, but also shortly brought to the fore the name of J. Robert Oppenheimer.

Born in New York City in 1904, Julius Robert was quickly spotted as a precocious child. In 1922 he entered Harvard, completed his studies summa cum laude in three years and was class valedictorian. Thereafter followed studies at Cambridge University, the University of Gottingen under Prof. Max Born and further work with Neils Bohr and Wolfgang Pauli.

By 1929, his grasp of all the recent discoveries in physics was known well enough in the academic world that he was offered teaching posts at both the University of California at Berkeley and the California Institute of Technology. Holding down those two positions was made all the more pleasant by the fact that he was now closer to his ranch in New Mexico and his beloved desert land.

With the advent of Nazism, that intellectual giant, who up until then was little known outside the academic environment, was catapulted into world prominence.

On a personal level, the tall, lean academician first began reaching out beyond the cloistered university halls when his German-born father (his mother had died when he was 10) made him aware of the plight of their Jewish relatives still in Germany. Before the doors of Nazi Germany were completely closed, he managed to get some of his relatives to the U.S.

Also, as a result of the war, a letter of monumental historic importance was written. The writer was Albert Einstein. He warned President Franklin Roosevelt about the possibility of the Germans inventing an atomic bomb and the need for the U.S. to do so first.

From that letter came the Manhattan Project and the work done in the isolation of the desert at Los Alamos, near Oppenheimer's New Mexico home. And, too, from that letter came the offer of a position in 1942 to Oppenheimer to become head of the project's physics department and, shortly thereafter, his assignment as the project's scientific director.

By the time the two atomic bombs were dropped on Japan in the summer of 1945, Oppenheimer was guiding the work of more than 4,000 scientists and technologists.

The gratitude of the free world to "the father of the atomic bomb" for his scientific efforts was, unfortunately, soon displaced by a black cloud that hung over him for many years to come. Cold War hysteria, fanned by irresponsible statements by people such as Senator Joseph McCarthy, soon engulfed Oppenheimer.

Despite his war-time security clearance, his friendship with a few pro-Communists in the '30s and his later insistence on safeguards to prevent nuclear proliferation was enough to have him declared, in 1954, "a loyal citizen but not a good security risk."

Before his death in 1967, amends were made by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson for the unjust treatment to the man who had worked, the better part of his life, so diligently and unswervingly for his country.

Oppenheimer an intellectual giant in physics

(Gadi Hoz photo)

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A Jerusalem baker made this cake to mark President Sadat's visit to Israel. Gourmets report it tasted as good as it looked.

Travel

Florida's past is commemorated in January

TALLAHASSEE —
In January, Florida's festivals and events welcome the new year by honoring the past: the state's traditions and cultures, its natural beauty and the people from all walks of life who left their marks on the pages of Florida history.

Florida's Greek sponging village, Tarpon Springs, celebrates Greek Epiphany Day, Jan. 6. This Old World observance honors the Baptism of Christ with pageantry and dignity. Highlights include the traditional casting of the cross into Spring Bayou, where the community's young men dive to recover it; and the Glendi, an informal fiesta with traditional Greek food, music and folk dancing.

Just south of Tarpon Springs, Tampa's Latin Quarter, Ybor City, observes the Jose Marti Festival, Jan. 27-29, honoring the man who helped liberate the Cuban people. Activities take place at the Marti shrine, which contains soil from every Cuban province.

Stephen Foster immortalized Florida's Suwannee River in song and is honored during Stephen Foster Week, Jan. 13-19. The week of concerts and special tributes at the state memorial in White Springs, a North Central Florida community on the banks of the Suwannee River, features medlies of Foster tunes played on the centre's 97-bell carillon.

Florida's first passenger train — which steamed into Key West Jan. 22, 1912, with railroad magnate Henry Flagler aboard — is commemorated at the Gold Coast Railroad museum in Fort Lauderdale during Flagler Day, Jan. 22. Members of the historic society that operates the museum don plumed hats, long dresses and other attire of the era.

Aviation pioneers are honored at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Jan. 23-29. Experimental aircraft builders, antiquers and Warbirds representing 42 states, five countries and every Canadian province attend this annual southern convention and Gathering of Eagles.

Visitors may participate in convention activities, browse around the various experimental aircraft and watch static and aerial demonstrations.

Long a Florida tradition, the Orange Bowl Classic football game in Miami's Orange Bowl stadium is slated for Jan. 2. Other Orange Bowl Festival activities include a marine parade and sailing regatta, Jan. 1, fireworks pageant and Hispanic festival, Jan. 6 and the Three Kings Day Parade through Miami's Little Havana section, Jan. 8.

Also in Miami, the greyhounds race at Flagler Dog Track through Jan. 9 and thoroughbred horses run at Calder Race Course through Jan. 14.

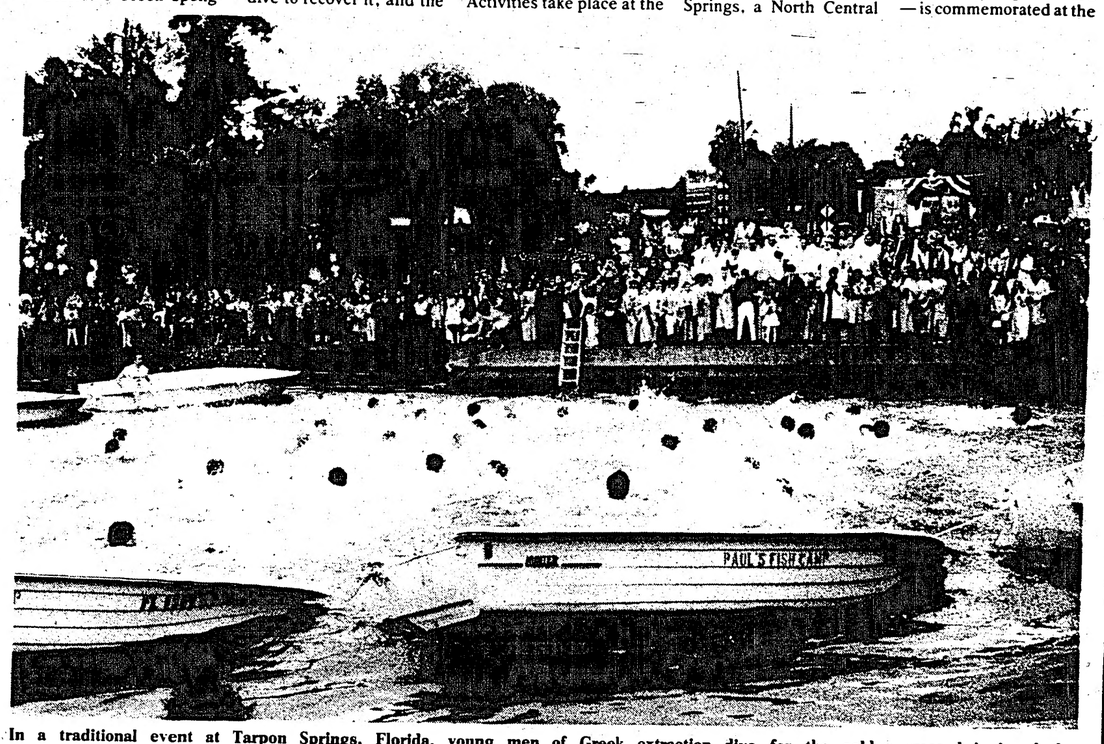
In Tampa, replacing the Lions American Bowl is a new bowl game, the Can/Am Bowl. This is the first collegiate all-star football game between two countries, the United States and Canada, and will be televised nationally.

Sailing enthusiasts from all over the Southeastern United States gather for the Hobie Cat Sailboat Regattas in Auburndale, Jan. 8 and 22.

And in Sarasota, guests travelers and residents all join in the fun of kite flying, whether by watching or participating. Prizes are offered for highest flying and most original kites in the International Kite Flying Contest, Jan. 14, always held the Saturday nearest Ben Franklin's birthday.

Florida's shirtsleeve winter climate is perfect for outdoor art displays and one is planned just south of Miami in Coral Gables, the Miracle Mile Sidewalk Art Show, Jan. 26-28.

Other art shows include the Art Show in Cape Coral, Jan. 15-27; on The Green Art Festival, Fort Pierce, Jan. 28-29, and All Florida Fiesta of Art, Lehigh Acres, Jan. 30-Feb. 3.



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Organizations and People

what's new

By MIRIAM HERMAN

THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT

Three experts on the Middle East — Gen. Aharon Yariv, Chaim Shaked and Ittamar Rabinowitz — all from the University of Tel Aviv, will be discussing **The Middle East Conflict: Political and Military Perspectives** this Monday, Dec. 12, at 8:15 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation. Meeting was arranged in co-operation with the university and its Canadian Friends.

YESHIVAT HAKOTEL MEETING

On Tuesday, the 13th, at 8 p.m., the Canadian Friends of Yeshivat Hakotel is holding its inaugural meeting at the home of Sol Edell, 15 Erica Ave., Downsview. Yeshivat Hakotel, located in the Old City of Jerusalem, was founded 10 years ago. It has an enrolment of 270 students who combine Torah scholarship with service to the State. In addition to their Torah studies, students serve in the tank corps. Guest speaker at the meeting will be Yossi Glatt, executive director of the school.

MORE ABOUT CHANUKA

On Saturday, the 10th, Congregation Habonim is having a dance party featuring the Havanagilah Band. The time is 8:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 12 Hollaman Rd.

On Sunday, the 11th, at 11 a.m., CBC-TV's **Meeting Place** program is presenting a Chanuka service from Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Winnipeg, with Rabbi Kalman Appel officiating.

That afternoon from 4:04-5, CBC radio (AM dial 740) is airing a special interpretive drama of the Chanuka story, **Hammer of Freedom**, written by Miriam Waldman, produced by Marc Stone, and music by Ben Steinberg. The cast line-up includes Paul Kligman, E.M. Margolese and Paul Soles.

Markham and Unionville Hebrew Congregation has planned a family party for Sunday, the 11th, from 2-5 p.m. at Crosby Memorial Arena, Unionville. R.S.V.P. by calling 297-1828 or 294-2599.

For seniors — Workmen's Circle Social Club has arranged a luncheon party for noon on Tuesday the 13th at 471 Lawrence Ave. West. It will feature musical entertainers George, Sharon and Norine Frank. For added interest, Keeble Cable TV will be taping the party for future viewing. For information, call Mrs. Grotell at 222-7727.

BUSY B'NAI B'RITH

An art auction of original paintings, graphics, water colors and enamels, is being presented by Chaverim Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women this Saturday, the 10th, at North York Board of Education Building, 5050 Yonge St. Preview is at 7 p.m., the auction at 8.

The first annual Bowl-A-Thon, sponsored by BB District 22, is slated for Sunday, the 11th, from 1-6 p.m. at Newtonbrook Bowl, 5837 Yonge St. Get your sponsor sheets ready.

Blood is for people, so don't forget to turn up for the Red Cross blood donor clinic run by Toronto BB men and women on Wednesday, the 14th, at Temple Sinai. It will be open from 2-4 and 6-8:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES

For the paper coming out on the 30th, I will be at my desk on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16, with the deadline Friday noon. For the Jan. 6 issue, the schedule returns to normal with my office days Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 28 and 29, deadline Thursday noon.

FOR SINGLES

Total Living group at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will be dancing to the Norm Derrin band on Saturday, the 10th, at 8:30 p.m.

Also on Saturday, the 10th, Club Genesis, the young adults (18-30) group at Beth Torah Congregation, is holding its inaugural Chanuka disco dance at 8 p.m. with the House of Masters DJ's.

Then there's the York University student teachers end-of-the-term dance, also on Saturday, the 10th, at Founder's College at the university at 8:30 p.m. Early birds, arriving before 9:30, get a special discount.

The World of the Singles at the northern 'Y' will be discussing **Children and Divorce** with Peter Kiviloo of the Divorce Education Centre on Sunday, the 11th. And **The Changing Singles Scene** with Dr. Henry Fenigstein, psychiatrist, on Friday, the 16th. Both programs begin at 8:45 p.m.

YORK U FILM WINS AWARD

A film produced at York University was awarded a bronze medal at the annual International Film and Television Festival of New York recently. **Fine Arts at York**, which deals with the basic relationship of student and teacher, won the medal in the recruitment category. Actual classes in the various fine arts departments were filmed. Accepting on behalf of the faculty were the dean, Joseph Green, and the chairman of the film department, John Katz.

NORTH PEEL JEWISH GROUP

The newly-formed North Peel Jewish Association, which takes in Brampton, Bramalea, Bolton, Malton, Georgetown, and surrounding areas, has 42 families signed up so far. Plans are to start a Hebrew school in January, observe Jewish holidays and festivals, and present cultural and educational programs. If you live in any of those areas and would like to join, call Gayle Grossman at 451-6978.

LAMENT

Tuesday, Dec. 13, at approximately 9:04 to 10 p.m., CBC Radio FM will broadcast **Lament for 77,297 Victims** in the series **Best Seat in The House.** Produced by John Reeves, the program is billed as a very moving description of the tragedy of Jews in the Western part of Czechoslovakia under Nazi rule.

Different, intriguing party pieces to inaugurate Chanuka festivities

bon appetit

By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

It is still Chanuka, and the party season has been well and truly inaugurated. So this week I have a few real party pieces for you: a genuine minestrone recipe for a vast cauldron for mass entertaining — it tastes even better prepared in advance and reheated, in any case. Rum babas crowned with chantilly cream look irresistable, and conclude a dinner or buffet party with a flourish.

The story of rum babas is intriguing. It seems that King Stanislas Leczinski of Poland had the brainwave of sprinkling a kugelhopf cake with rum and setting it alight.

He named his creation Ali Baba in honor of **The Thousand and One Nights** of which he was a great admirer. The confection became a French specialty, undergoing a few modifications at the beginning of the 19th century, when the Polish court-in-exile was transferred to Luneville in France.

The Turkish coffee recipe is a special request: Some time after midnight, the night of the closing banquet of the 27th biennial convention of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Canada, Gloria Krugel of Ottawa and I sat and rested our feet, before going on to the party held in National President Clara Balinsky's suite, and talked about Turkish coffee.

Mrs. Krugel told me she had just purchased a proper Turkish coffee pot and a mortar and pestle for grinding the cardamon seeds, called hael by the Arabs, which gives Turkish coffee that extra-refined fragrance.

You can make Turkish coffee most conveniently in the small, narrow, long-handled pot designed for that purpose, but do not be put off by lack of the right equipment. Turkish coffee is drunk in minute quantities — a Chinese teacup would give you the approximate measure.

But if you want to serve larger amounts in ordinary after-dinner coffee cups, just double the quantities of coffee, sugar and water per person.

Minestrone Soup

2 tblsps. margarine or butter
3 potatoes, peeled and diced
2 carrots, diced
2 leeks or onions, diced
large handful chopped spinach
5 cups pareve stock
bay leaf
1 large clove garlic, crushed
small can chick peas or haricot beans
small can tomato puree
1 lb. sieved tomatoes, fresh or canned
1/2 medium cabbage, shredded very finely
1/2 cup broken pasta
salt, freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp. oregano
grated cheese

1. heat butter or margarine in a large pot and add potatoes, carrots, leeks or onions, and spinach. Cover pot and wilt vegetables over gentle heat for at least 20 minutes until soft
2. then add stock, bay leaf, garlic, chick peas or haricot beans, tomatoes, tomato puree, salt, pepper and oregano. Bring to the boil, then cook over gentle heat for 1 hr.
3. add broken pasta, shredded cabbage and simmer for a further hr.
4. just before serving, check seasoning, stir in 4 tblsps. grated cheese and serve with a bowl containing more grated cheese for guests to help themselves. About 6 servings

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Rum Babas

1 3/4 cups flour
1/4 cup sugar
1 pkg. yeast
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup margarine or butter
pinch salt
3 eggs at room temperature, beaten

Rum Syrup

2 cups sugar
1 1/2 cups water
1 cup dark rum

Chantilly Cream

1 cup sweet cream
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla essence

1. for babas: measure out sugar and flour, reserving 2 tblsps. of the flour and 1 tsp. of the sugar. Sift rest of flour and sugar with the salt into a large bowl and make a well. Heat milk gently and melt margarine or butter in it. Cool to lukewarm. Mix yeast with milk mixture and stir in the 2 tblsps. flour and 1 tsp. sugar. Pour yeast mixture into well in large bowl and leave in a warm place till frothy
2. add beaten eggs to yeast mixture, and incorporate dry ingredients from sides of bowl. Continue beating 5 mins. Then cover bowl and leave in very warm place till doubled in size (1—2 hrs.)
3. stir batter down. Butter insides of 12 Bundt cups or custard cups and spoon in batter. Let rise an additional 35 mins. Then bake in preheated oven at 375° for 15 mins. or till browned. Cool in moulds a few moments before removing
4. turn out on to a large platter and prick each one in several places with a skewer or knitting needle. Have your syrup ready in advance as it must be spooned over babas while they are still warm from the oven. Make the syrup by boiling together sugar and water till syrupy, then adding rum and simmering for a few minutes more. Allow to cool before using. Keep spooning syrup over babas till they are well moistened
5. whip together cream with sugar and vanilla. To serve babas, slit tops through to centre and pile in a few heaped tsps. of chantilly cream. Makes 12

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Turkish Coffee (per person)

1 generously heaped tsp. pulverized coffee equals 2 flat tsps.
1 heaped tsp. sugar or less according to taste
1 small cup water (Turkish coffee cup or chinese teacup size)
1 seed cardamon, crushed

place coffee, sugar, water and cardamon in a small longhandled pot and stir to mix. Bring slowly to boil without stirring and leave till froth begins to rise. Immediately remove from heat till froth subsides, then return to boil. When froth rises a second time, switch off heat, tap pot smartly against side of stove to settle grounds and pour into cup. The grounds will settle by themselves, do not stir the coffee

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Chag Urim Sameach!

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Group opens office

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Israel Cancer Research Fund, an international network of scientific advisers seeking to encourage cancer research in Israel, has opened an office in Montreal and has set a goal of collecting $100,000 per year from across Canada.

Founded in 1975 by New York physician Daniel G. Miller, the ICRF is trying to raise the money necessary to make Israel a world centre for cancer research.

This is to be accomplished through the support of major research programs in Israel, fellowships for training Israeli scientists abroad, and achievement awards for outstanding advancements by Israelis.

A budget of approximately $1 million-a-year is required to inaugurate and maintain these projects, say the organizers.

Work began on introducing the ICRF into Montreal a year ago. There is now an 8-member executive committee and 49 directors on the board. Joan Solomon is the executive-director and is presently working out of an office on St. Lawrence Boulevard.

Drs. Phil Gold and Robert Oseasohn are the two Canadians on the scientific adivsory board composed basically of Americans from the medical field. Dr. Gold, a world-renowned cancer researcher at the Montreal General Hospital, is professor of medicine and physiology at McGill University. Dr. Oseasohn, also associated with the Montreal General, is chairman of the department of epidemiology and health at McGill.

At present only the United States and Canada have fund-raising offices but with the recent admission of Dr. George Klein of Stockholm to the scientific advisory board it appears Sweden will soon have an office too.

Correction

The item appearing in The CJN Dec. 2, under the headline "Unique Metro Mission", was only partially correct. It should have read "Unique National UIA Women's Mission". This mission, organized by the national UIA women's division, will take a group of 30 women, on a trip to Warsaw, Cracow, Auschwitz, Bucharest and Israel.

...about people

Cantor **Paul Sheldon**, who serves both the Stashover Slipia Congregation here in Toronto and Temple Emanuel in Haverhill, Mass., tells us that he is the first Toronto-born cantor to be licensed by the province of Ontario to solemnize marriages, and in fact, performed his first ceremony last Sunday. Another interesting bit of news is that CBC radio did a half-hour spot about him on the Identities program on Dec. 4, and the CBC-TV is preparing a film about him, due to come out early next year.

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R. Lou Ronson

Two Jewish community leaders have been elected to top posts on the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. **R. Lou Ronson**, vice-chairman of Congress Central Region and chairman of Central Region Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress and B'nai B'rith, has been elected a national co-chairman of the CCCJ, succeeding **Sam Steinberg** of Montreal...**J.C. Horwitz**, chairman of the national Joint Community Relations Committee, was elected chairman of the CCCJ's Ontario Region.

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At the national convention of the Committee for an Independent Canada, held at the Sutton Place Hotel recently, York Borough Alderman **Ben Nobleman** was elected to the national board of directors.

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That's Show Biz...

Sweet City Lights, on stage at the Theatre in the Dell, links a brand new production team, **Sylvia Shawn** and **Joan Ruderfer.** No newcomers to show biz, this is their first venture as co-producers. Described by her colleagues as, "the mother of cabaret theatre in Toronto," Ms. Shawn first evolved the idea for local consumption 15 years ago, and has been at it ever since. Ms. Ruderfer is well-known as producer or co-producer of numerous successful revues about town...Young People's Theatre has announced that its studio theatre, opening Dec. 18, is to be called the **Nathan Cohen** Studio Theatre in memory of the noted drama and dance critic. It will complement the 300-seat main theatre on Adelaide Street East, and will feature performers in theatre, mime, puppetry, music and dance. Apparently this is the first theatre of any kind in Canada to be dedicated to a theatre critic.

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From south of the border comes word that Toronto-born designer-illustrator-cartoonist **Cara Goldberg Marks** has the distinction of being the only modern Canadian ketuba artist invited to participate in the Yeshiva University Museum's exhibition, **The Jewish Wedding.** The display of jewelry, costumes, silver, marriage documents, books, paintings and sculpture opened last week. Cara, the 21-year-old daughter of John and Ruth Goldberg, took her formal training in commercial art at Pratt Institute in New York City where she and her husband Michael, a rabbinical student, now reside.

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UJA CAMPAIGN MAY BE LEGENDARY

Veteran UJA campaigner Allan Offman, who has served as vice-chairman and chairman of the UJA cabinet and executive, and who is currently deputy campaign chairman, has issued this interim report to the community on the state of the 1978 campaign, which is now in progress.

By ALLAN OFFMAN

TORONTO —

The 1974 United Jewish Appeal campaign created a legend in the annals of Toronto fund-raising. It looks very much like we are just one month short of creating another legend, as the 1978 campaign is doing exceedingly well and could be heading for a new record.

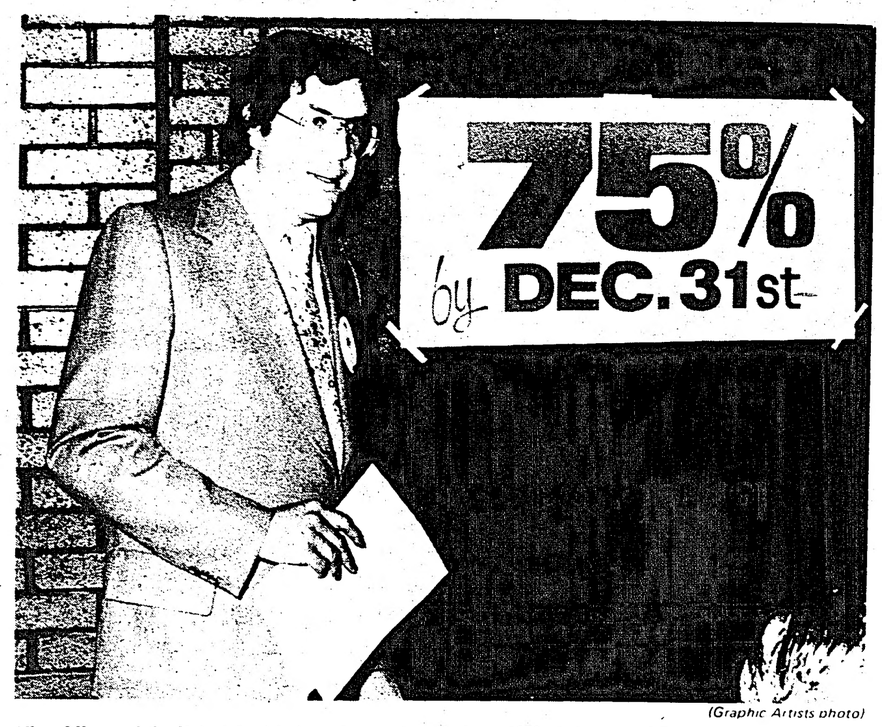
Continued maximum support from the community and from our canvassers will assure that we are successful, so that local and Israel needs can be adequately funded.

As of Dec. 1, here are some of the facts and figures of the 1978 campaign: Pledges total $8,895,000; The number of potential contributors is up 10% over last year; average increase per contributor is 12%, the UJA volunteer organization has expanded to over 1,400 and divisions showing the greatest statistical improvement are major gifts and business and professions.

New Areas

The community department reports the campaign among South African newcomers to the community is very encouraging. Progress is reported also with the Israelis living in Toronto and a meeting of this group is scheduled for Dec. 19.

The career womens group is another which offers great potential and we are receiving excellent response from the Orthodox community.



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Allan Offman of the United Jewish Appeal campaign discloses 1978 pledges as of Dec. 1 total — $8,895,000.

Reasons for success

There are many reasons why the 1978 campaign is running so smoothly. Some of these are:

— the innovations of the past few years, since the campaign entered the double-digit range, are now coming to fruition;

— the continuity of the professional staff is an important factor;

— the system of encouraging volunteers to serve in key roles for several years provides important continuity and know-how;

— the lightning beginning this year, resulting in many early major commitments, has given terrific impetus to the campaign.

Many more people have been brought into all departments and given major responsibilities, thus relieving the pressure on the group chairmen.

We have encouraged top leadership to attend all campaign functions so that the chairman does not have to bear the brunt of this important task alone.

We have established a major gifts task force under George Mann to work quietly on contributors whose gifts are not considered to be at a reasonable level.

We have an exceptional campaign chairman.

The chairman

Toronto's custom of appointing a campaign chairman just a few months before the campaign gets under way assures us of a person who is current in the eyes of the community and who has connections which are beneficial to the operation of the campaign.

Tubby Cole has these qualifications plus a huge reservoir of goodwill and that is why he has favored for the 1978 chairmanship.

Tubby is imaginative and has considerable stamina (which is essential in this demanding job). He has brought to the campaign many of the attributes which served as catalysts for effective campaigning in the past few years.

Current politics

The current political happenings in the Middle East point up the fact that at a time when major events are in the limelight, conditions generally become much more volatile. For this reason, the Jewish community must be more vigilant than ever. We can't relax for a moment just because peace negotiation are apparently in progress.

Current problems

Those of us who are involved in the UJA as the central campaign are concerned with the proliferation of junior campaigns which are being launched almost in unguided missile manner.

Fortunately, there has been no serious dollar effect on the UJA so far, as most of the community recognizes the centrality of the UJA. However, we must recognize the fact that there are only so many really able fund-raisers and if we saturate them with movie nights and dinners, especially in the crucial UJA month of November, a $20-$25 million campaign is jeopardized in favor of a number of much smaller campaigns. It just doesn't make sense.

Moreover, these smaller campaigns are compromising the profile of the UJA in the public's awareness and this is dangerous when you consider that about 80% of the real dollars for Israel and local needs is raised through the UJA.

There has to be a concerted effort to keep the November-May period totally devoid of any other campaigning. No other community permits this degree of competitive fund-raising during the established UJA time.

New plateau

What can the community do now to assist the 1978 campaign?

Clearly, if our goal of 75% completion by the end of December is attained, we will have reached a new plateau organizationally. We will have established the fact that a three-month campaign is feasible and this will encourage greater involvement by people who are reluctant to take part in a campaign which goes on and on.

The community's responsibility, then, is to help us keep up the momentum. Respond quickly and generously to the canvasser so that he or she can get on with the job of completing another successful UJA campaign.

Proper estate planning is outlined at UJWF forum

TORONTO —

Six basic steps essential to proper estate planning were outlined at a community forum at Adath Israel Synagogue last week. The topic, "Willpower is a Family Affair," was presented as a community service by the United Jewish Welfare Fund endowment committee.

The two featured speakers, specialists in estate planning, were Toronto lawyer Leslie Dollinger and chartered life underwriter Melvin Gilbert.

The program was geared to both husbands and wives and dispelled the popular misconception that estate planning is only for the wealthy. Many people in modest to middle income brackets, have no conception as to the size or worth of their estate and make no provisions for equitable disposal, the audience was told.

The six basic steps both speakers advised their listeners to follow were: list all assets and liabilities; consult knowledgeable advisers; talk to spouse, children and business partners regarding orderly disposal of assets; form a concrete plan; draw up a will; keep reviewing and updating the will on a regular basis.

Committee co-chairman Victor Shields explained that the community forum was organized to advise and inform "because we as Jews have an obligation to our families and to the community for the orderly disbursement of our life's efforts."

Leslie Dollinger, whose field is tax law, said: "Tax is one small aspect of estate planning. Even if no tax liability exists, it makes sense to have a proper will. The prime consideration is the orderly disposal of assets. If there is no will, the province is in a position to dictate how the property will be distributed. If there are no surviving relatives, the estate can evolve to the province."

Dollinger stressed the importance of naming an executor who will see to it that wishes are carried out. If there is no executor, he warned, one would be appointed by the government, which could have an adverse effect on beneficiaries. It is also cheaper to administrate an estate when an executor has been named, he pointed out.

Special reference was made to minor children, who, he said, needed specific provisions in a will.

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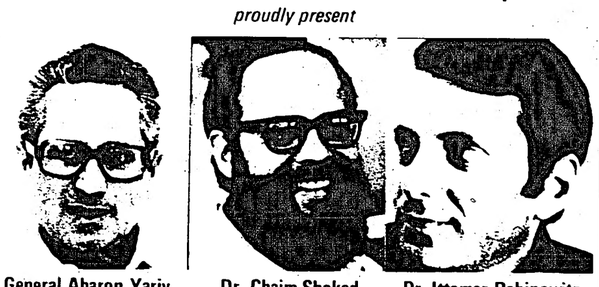

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Mikaytz/Shabbat Chanuka/Rosh Chodesh Tevet

Tema'im byad tehorim . . . . delivering the wicked into the hands of the just . . . .

It took guts for the Maccabees to fight, and it takes chutzpa to get ahead in life.

A poor man asked the Lemberger Rav for permission to give a **drasha** in the synagogue so he could earn a few dollars. The rabbi agreed, but not only didn't the man have anything to say, he could barely get out the words clearly.

Afterwards, the rabbi gave him a hearty donation. "I see now that you're truly a poor man, and not just making it up."

When the man looked bewildered, the rabbi explained. "When Joseph was made viceroy over Egypt, he had the job of distributing grain during the years of famine. Rashi comments that he ordered the Egyptians to circumcize themselves before he would feed them.

"It's weird, though — what was Joseph, a mohel at Mount Sinai Hospital? What did he care whether they were circumcized or not?

"Ah, but it teaches . . . Joseph was suspicious that the people may have hoarded grain secretly. So he ordered them to circumcize themselves — if they agreed, it meant they were truly hungry.

"The same with you. If you were a great speaker, I would think it's just an excuse to make a little more money. But the way you speak, you must be in real need to step in front of an audience." (Fun Unzer Alten Oitzer)

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Not every Maccabee is in Israel. Each Jew has to fight in his own home to keep the **Yiddische licht** burning.

Imagine . . . the law is that a Jew should light the menora right outside his door. But **b'shaas sakana** in times of extreme danger, he should place it on his table.

But between you and me — what great danger are we afraid of? And why place it on the table, why not the television?

But it shows — every Jew has to care about his brother Jew. When he does a mitzva, he should do it "outside his door", openly, enthusiastically, trying to draw in his neighbors, influence them.

But **b'shaas hasakana**, in times of spiritual danger, when not only doesn't the world care to be influenced our way, but **adarabah**, wants to force traditional Torah Yiddishkeit into bending and breaking **halacha**, then we have to place the menora squarely on the table, in the centre of the home.

We have to protect our own children first, to make sure they have the proper **seviva**, environment, for their **neshamas** to shine.

Today we should have two menoras, one for inside and one for out. Even the most passionate missionary must see to his own family, and even the most traditional Jew must care about his neighbor. (Olelot Ephraim)

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After all, if we don't help each other, who will?

Two panhandlers stood before a judge in Tel Aviv. "What do you do for a living?" he demanded from the first. "Nothing," he admitted.

"And what do you do?" he asked the second.

"I help him."

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It's a mitzva to light the menora when the sun goes down.

When the sun of reason, of humanity, of justice and love goes down in the world, then the Jew must be there lighting the candle. When the Arab nations for 30 years spoke of war, war, war — one little Israel whispered, peace, peace, peace.

The flame will yet catch on. The world will yet be bright. Shabbat Shalom, a frelicha Chanuka and gutten chodesh.

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Yehuda Levy, Israeli army, sees telethon in action. Showing him is B'nai B'rith's Charles Goldlust.

All set to begin telethon are members of the Jews of Hungarian Descent. Miklos Winkler [seated] UJA co-chairman, is a veteran participant. This makes it his 10th annual UJA telethon. Other participants are Paul Elek, J. Klein, Magda Kurta, Tibor Stern, Jacob Farkas and E. Imre. President, Armin Weiss, arrived shortly after photo was taken.

Sadat visit is praised

TORONTO —

Israel has hopes for a real peace as the result of the visit to Jerusalem of President Sadat. This is the opinion of Col. Yehuda Levy, of the Israel Defence Force, who was in Toronto last week to assist in the "United Jewish Appeal campaign.

But he cautioned that a full peace won't come over night. "It will take years," he said, "to establish a true peace as the Western world understands the meaning of the word." Meanwhile, Israel will have to remain strong militarily.

The colonel was on security duty at Ben-Gurion airport when Sadat arrived and he said most Israelis didn't really believe he was coming. "It was only when we saw him step out of his plane that we realized this was actually happening. We knew at that moment that it was a landmark occasion...and we felt the touch of history. We had been suspicious at first, but when we saw Sadat in Israel, this suspicion changed to hope."

Levy expressed the belief that Sadat will reach an agreement with Israel with or without the other Arab countries, "because he knows that another war cannot solve his domestic problems and will set him back 10 to 20 years." Because Egypt is the largest and strongest of the Arab countries, the others are not likely to go to war on their own, he said.

He said he was voicing his personal opinion when he stated that "Israel will have to give something back," and he suggested that the Sinai "is not essential or signficant to us."

But he could not foresee changes in the border with Jordan and predicted only "slight corrections" on the Golan Heights. He said the Palestinians are the biggest problem because "the PLO doesn't want its own state...it wants to take over all of Israel."

Levy spoke to 12 meetings during his week-long stay.

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Dr. Harold Hoffman is optimistic that 1978 will be a breakthrough year for the Physicians' group. Through diligent research, the doctors have come up with names of 200 practising physicians to add to the UJA rolls. These are doctors who have never previously been listed or approached for a contribution.

The dentists are getting into their campaign in a big way. Chairman **Dr. Marvin Kopel** reports that on the cards already accounted for, there is a 20% increase over last year. Planned for Dec. 13 is a major pull-in and telethon to take place at 150 Beverley.

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That Optometrists' meeting I mentioned in this column two weeks ago turned out to be one of the best attended and most interesting I've been to in a long time. Incidentally, I goofed. That new auto-refracter is a "Dioptron II" not a Diaptron. Sorry all you eyemen out there, in case any of you noticed. Not only did everybody there complete their cards for a reported 14% increase, but they all stayed two hours after the meeting ended to have their eyes tested by the new machine. Co-chairman, **Dr. Stanley Salsberg,** arranged for this extra bonus.

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Visiting Israeli **Col. Yehuda Levy**, spoke at the opening meeting of the Furriers' group at the Primrose Club. Co-chairmen **Irving Berger, Jack Kuretzky** and **Harry Topper** say that all cards have been assigned and they expect early returns.

We kept the Col. hopping during his Toronto stay. He spoke at 12 UJA meetings, including the combined Toronto Jewish Congress and UJA staff at 150 Beverley. Last Sunday he addressed the campaign kickoff meeting of the Labor Zionist Alliance (Borochov). Chairmen attending were **Harvey Feldman, Morris Koffman, David Goldsilver and Maurice Pizel.**

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Harry Kichler hosted the third meeting of the Young Executives at his JDS offices. These young professionals are running a phenomenal campaign, with **David Franklin** and **Tom Kirschner** at the helm. Some first-rate women canvassers have joined the ranks.

I could hardly believe some of the results. They are running 100% ahead of last year! That's hard to top.

I also have to report that three new canvassers have been recruited by the Young Adult Division — **Martin Kalson** and **Lanny Abramson**, who are lawyers, and **Fred Marcus,** who is with Poli Star Manufacturing Inc. This division has already passed last year's total.

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It's always good to see the younger generation take an active role in UJA and this seems to be happening more and more in the 1978 campaign.

Tom Lobel, a co-chairman of Heavy Industry, reported at a recent UJA cabinet meeting that the younger element (under 35) is very much involved in the current campaign. Tom emphasizes that it's not a one-shot deal for these new recruits. They are being asked to make long-term commitments and some have promised to serve on the campaign team for at least the next ten years to provide the necessary continuity.

Not only are the young men working hard...they are also making substantial gifts. The whole group is making good progress and shooting for the 75% completion goal by the end of the year.

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Arthur Tannenbaum, chairman of Jewish Education Professions, says this new group is building a strong foundation for the future...and doing very well right now. There are about 750 prospects and Arthur is looking for 100% participation. As of Dec. 1, more than 25% of the cards were completed and increases averaged 21%. A great record!

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Mike Florence, chairman of the Commercial Professions division, happily reported last week that Accountants, Lawyers, Life Insurance and Brokers groups are all chalking up substantial increases. **Bill Dunn,** co-chairman of General Mercantile, was equally happy about reporting good increases from Jewellers, Automotive, Furniture and Hardware & Housewares.

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Memo to canvassers — Jack Chisvin, chairman of the UJA cabinet and executive, put it all into perspective when he recently called on all chairmen to put on an extra special drive during the next few days before the annual exodus to Florida begins. **Allan Offman** says three canvassers have already completed a total of **250 cards.** I don't expect all the canvassers to hit this record but I do hope all of you are doing your utmost to keep up the momentum. Let's hear from you TODAY.

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Garth Drabinsky, a co-chairman of the Film & Entertainment group, says quite a few personalities have been lined up for a telethon on Dec. 18, at 150 Beverley.

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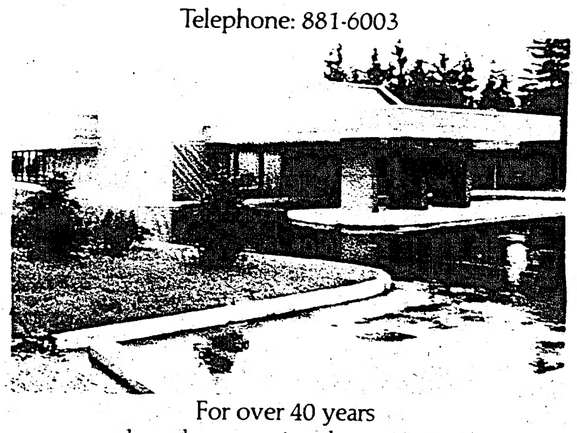

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GUELPH, Ont. —

The Guelph and Wellington County branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society has passed a resolution fully supporting Israel's application for admission of the Magen David Adom Society into the League of Red Cross Societies.

"It is my impression that other branches of the Red Cross have made similar appeals to the Canadian Red Cross," said Herb Levy, vice-president, B'nai B'rith District 22.

The position of the Canadian Red Cross Society is that it will support Magen David Adom after the International Red Cross resolves the controversy surrounding the use of emblems.

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Noted American historian Lucy Dawidowicz addresses Jewish Book Fair audience.

Education needs greater funding to ensure survival: Dawidowicz

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO — North American Jewry should channel more community funds into Jewish education than into the organizational effort to combat discrimination, Lucy Dawidowicz, a noted American historian, suggested here recently.

Jewish defence organizations designed to expose and fight prejudice may succeed in neutralizing Christian contempt of Jews, she told a near capacity audience at the Jewish Book Fair. But only Jewish education can give a Jew what she called "a firm and healthy sense of self-determination" and guide him through the dangerous shoals of Western Christian culture.

The Yeshiva University professor and author of such works as **The War Against the Jews** and **The Jewish Presence: Essays in Identity and History** said it is high time for Jewish communities to reverse their priorities and give top billing to Jewish education in the allocation of funds.

She also called for the introduction of adult Jewish education programs on the college level. "Many of us have to begin at the beginning," she said, referring to the inability of many parents to transmit Jewish values to their children.

"The classroom must be the ante-room leading to the synagogue," she added in quoting Franz Rosenzweig, the German-Jewish philosopher. "We need to return to the sources of Jewish tradition because they're the sources of Jewish life."

Today's search for ancestral roots is fashionable among all ethnic groups, she declared. But this groping for the past is actually an admission of failure. It means that one generation has failed to convey Jewish values to the next.

Mrs. Dawidowicz, a grandmotherly figure born in New York of immigrant parents, said roots — or identity — were of crucial importance because they endow "our lives with purpose and meaning."

Speaking of the role of history in nurturing identity, the scholar warned that Jews should be aware of the fact that they are largely products of Western culture, an offshoot of Christianity. "We often view the world through this (Western Christian) prism and therefore it should not be surprising that we see ourselves as they do," she noted.

The writing of history, she continued, was traditionally in the hands of Church scholars, who falsified Jewish history as a means of enhancing Christian doctrines at the expense of Judaism.

And even liberal Protestant theologians believed that Christian prophesies would materialize when Jews and Christians all became the "subjects of Christ."

Jews, Mrs. Dawidowicz asserted, rarely appeared in history books and when they did they were usually portrayed as usurers, avaricious bankers, dangerous radicals and cosmopolitan bohemians.

"These distorted, prejudiced accounts of Jewish history mean Jews can't distinguish between truth and untruth unless they have a good grounding in Jewish education."

The belief that Jewish history is basically second class inevitably alienates youth from the community and contributes to their ignorance, she said. Consequently, the community should invest much more money in Jewish education.

Euphoria over trip should be checked

SARNIA — Col. Jacob Monbaz, former Israeli ambassador to Malawi, told a United Israel Appeal meeting the euphoria created by the Sadat visit to Israel is a dangerous phenomenon and should be controlled. He said that real peace is still a long way off.

The need to support Israel is even greater than before, despite the unprecedented peace initiatives, as Egypt will only negotiate with a strong Israel, an Israel against whom the war-option is not visible, Monbaz added.

UIA Chairman Marty Kaplan accepted an award on behalf of the Sarnia Jewish community, presented by Assistant Director Michael Marcus, and pledged to complete the campaign as quickly as possible and to encourage the maximum participation of all members of the community.

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Malingerers may receive 'shock treatment': Taylor

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — "We may have to introduce shock treatment on people who refuse to do their fair share," was the blunt prescription dealt out by Samuel Taylor, president of the Hamilton Jewish Federation.

"The only priority we have is that of being a Jew," he said, as chairman of a recent symposium on "Inflation And The Needs Of The Jewish Community."

Insufficiently publicized and competing against several other community events, the Temple Anshe Sholom Sunday morning breakfast club presentation was sparsely attended.

Dr. Michael Sherman, incoming chairman of the 1978 United Jewish Welfare Fund, raised the possibility of a two-card campaign in the future. What is happening in Hamilton, he said, is happening in Jewish communities all over Canada and the United States "but there is one major thing that bothers me: in Hamilton we are giving the least to Israel of our dollar that we raise.

"This has got to stop. The time has come to really sit down and try to find other ways of fund-raising."

Because of a steady decline in the UJWF in the last few years and insufficient funds coming in, "Hamilton's reserve fund" had to be turned over to United Israel Appeal," said Bernie Greenbaum, vice-president of the HJF and another member of the panel. As a result, "it was the community that suffered because projects, or enlargements of existing projects, could not be undertaken due to lack of funds."

Greenbaum suggested four tentative solutions that could be considered: the identification of Jews who live in the community who do not donate or who have never been approached to donate; the establishment of an endowment fund; consolidation of some agencies with community projects to cut costs and a larger portion of the real cost of programs now supported by the community to be paid for by the beneficiaries of such programs.

Most questions from the floor dealt with Jewish education and Dr. Morris Blajchman, a member of the board of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and of the education committee of the HJF, advocated the spending of more money on Jewish education "so that people understand and know why we give money to the UJA and so forth. So they don't need crises in order to give money."

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Fackenheim to deliver keynote address at all-day seminar on the Holocaust

TORONTO — The Second Encounter Group under the sponsorship of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress is presenting a one-day program, Sunday Dec. 11, focusing on the meaning and relevance of the Holocaust to Canadians today.

Dr. Emil L. Fackenheim, professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, will consider the uniqueness of the Holocaust in the keynote address. Through in-depth seminars, the program will emphasize candid, informal discussions facilitated by resource people.

The seminar will be held at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W.

The sessions include personal experiences of several survivors. Some of the other topics are the theological implications of the Holocaust to Christians and Jews, the emergence of Israel since the Holocaust, the psychological after-effects on survivors and their children, and current world politics.

In all, 18 different seminars will be presented allowing each participant to attend two different sessions. Resource people include Rev. Peter Gilbert, director of Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, Prof. Seymour Friedland, an economist at York University, Jack Kuper, author of **Child of the Holocaust**, and Dr. Henry Fenigstein, a psychiatrist.

For further information and a registration form call Ruth Resnick at Toronto Jewish Congress, 869-3811, Loc. 286.

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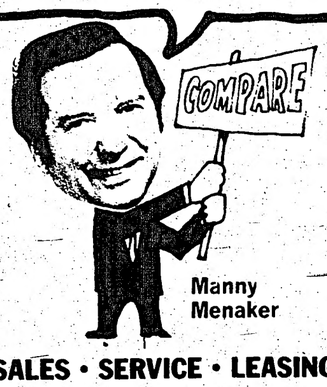

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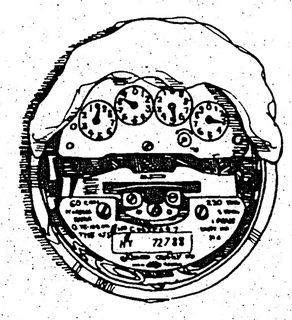

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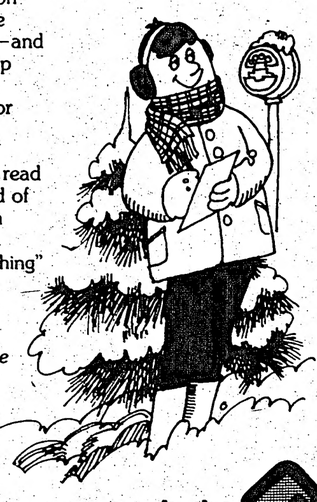

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What's wrong with Winter Offensive?

By JENIVA BERGER

TORONTO —

The barrage of outraged voices and stinging criticism that greeted the premiere of Ken Gass's black comedy, **Winter Offensive**, at the Factory Theatre Lab hasn't quite subsided.

Having the luxury of later deadlines and the sobriety of time, it's comforting to be able to take a cooler look at the work that caused all this fuss and analyze what went wrong at the Factory.

Ken Gass, who was one of the first of the avante-garde director-producers back in the late '60s when the alternative theatre scene began to come alive, has never been what you'd call an intrepid man, either in his choice of plays or in his drive to promote Canadian playwrights.

Through his feistiness, he's nurtured some of the finest young talent to come out of the small theatres. Writer Larry Fineberg came to the attention of Torontonians with his **Stonehange Trilogy** at the Lab, and David Freeman's **Creeps**, which broke theatrical ground, was first produced at the old Lab on Dupont Street. They're only among a few to have had their works given an important boost from Gass.

Since Gass's move to the Adelaide Street theatre a few years ago, the Lab's output has been earmarked by a choppiness in quality and a continuing indulgence in doing plays that only seemed to reach a limited audience.

At a time when the other alternate theatres were settling down after a frantic six-year activity and taking stock of changing audience tastes, the Factory Theatre Lab still seemed intent on marching to the tune of a different drummer and to melodies which seemed only apparent to them. The climax, I think, has been reached with **Winter Offensive.**

After listening to and reading the various criticisms of the show for over a week now, there's no doubt in my mind that it grated the sensibilities of even the most sophisticated people, all of whom are used to having their sensibilities batted around by television, films, and the media.

I've never considered it the job of the critic to review the audience, but this time the vibrations became impossible to ignore, making it difficult not to pay special heed to the audience.

Gass, who was supposedly astounded by accounts of perversity among the Nazi party officials disclosed in the diary of Albert Speer, has translated the perversity to the stage in a huge proliferation of simulated, crude sex acts which take place during the Christmas eve celebration in the home of Mrs. Adolf Eichmann.

As it turns out, there is little to celebrate. Hitler's last grandiloquent gesture to stem the tide of defeat, the 1944 winter offensive is crumbling, and the days of wine and roses are over for the Third Reich.

A bunch of emotional and physical misfits, the group, spearheaded by a female gorgon, Mrs. Eichmann, engage in a marathon of perversity seemingly to reinforce their own acknowledgment of the animals they have become.

More graphic descriptions need not be given here, but the two more printable happenings occur when Mrs. Eichmann's Jewish servants are forced to bite each other to death in front of screened stills of concentration camp victims, while an explosion rips

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(Graphic Artists photo)

Eitz Chaim principal Rabbi S.K. Weinberg addresses function as head table guests listen. From left: Joseph Tanenbaum, who was appointed Eitz Chaim president-for-life, Phil Givens of CZF and Harry Botnick.

Joseph Tanenbaum elected school's president-for-life

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Tanenbaum, who quit school in fourth grade to work for his father at $4 a week, is now president of Runnymede Development Corporation. He has become one of the largest benefactors of Jewish education in the world.

Judge Phil Givens, chairman of the Board of Police of Metropolitan Toronto, said the Tanenbaums have promoted the growth and vitality of the Toronto community, world Jewry and Israel.

Irving Feldman, Eitz Chaim vice president, presented Tanenbaum with a scroll proclaiming him president-for-life of Eitz Chaim.

Rabbi Mordechai Ochs gave Mrs. Tanenbaum a pair of silver Sabbath candelabra, gold-plated in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

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Chassidic folksinger Shlomo Carlebach leads York University Jewish students in dance at rally for dissident Anatoly Scharansky.

York students on hunger strike

TORONTO [Staff] — A two-week hunger strike by Jewish York University students went into its sixth day Tuesday. The strike is meant to draw attention to the plight of Soviet dissident Anatoly Scharansky, accused by the Russian government of being a CIA spy.

This was announced last week at a rally sponsored by York's Jewish Student Federation. Spokesman Rebecca Rotenberg, 21, said the hunger strike is designed to alert students that the Soviet government is quashing the civil rights of its citizens.

Ms. Rotenberg, speaking to about 100 students at central square, attacked the Canadian government's attitude toward Soviet Jewry. She said Ottawa has remained "neutral and wishy-washy" too long, and appealed to politicians not to be silent "in the face of injustice."

She criticized Prime Minister Trudeau for believing that the Jewish question was merely an internal problem, and expressed disappointment with the Conservatives, "who seem to be more interested in scandals than real issues."

Danny Eisen, another student, urged Trudeau "to voice his outrage against the treatment of Anatoly Scharansky," who has been in prison since March 25 and may go on trial later this month.

Randy Robinson, assistant executive director of the Jewish Student Federation, said she hoped Trudeau would emulate President Carter in making a public statement on human rights in the Soviet Union.

Ms. Robinson, who joined the hunger strike, said the prime minister has not supported the cause of Soviet dissidents, at least in public.

Shlomo Carlebach, the American Chassidic folk singer, sang a number of rousing songs. "Sometimes the world doesn't listen to talk but to music," he said in German-accented English just before launching into a medley of songs.

Jewish Student Federation Executive Director Lou Garber described the rally as "an emotional outcry which was beautiful."

Members of the York Student Movement, a Marxist-Leninist campus group, marched past the rally, calling upon the university administration to reinstate lecturer Jeffrey Forest, who was suspended for assaulting a student during a Marxist-Zionist clash recently.

A reminder from Pioneer Women that it is still not too late to mail back Dollars for David envelope.

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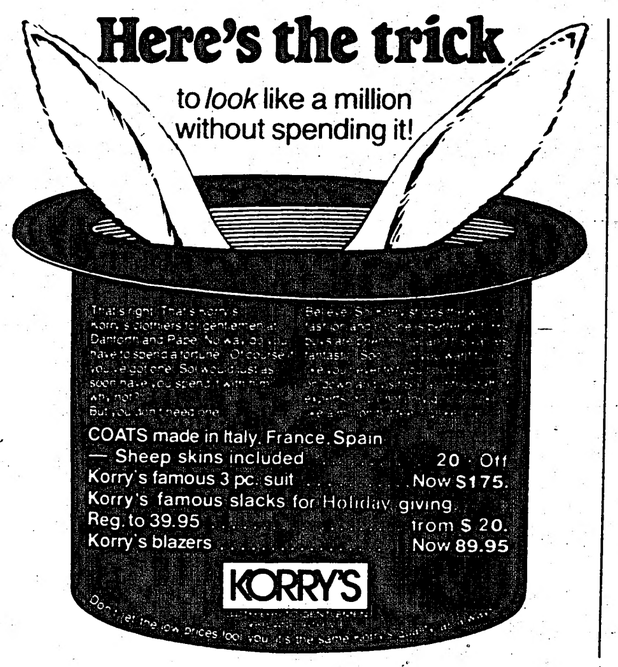

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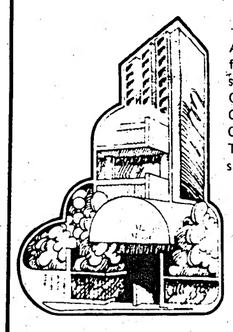

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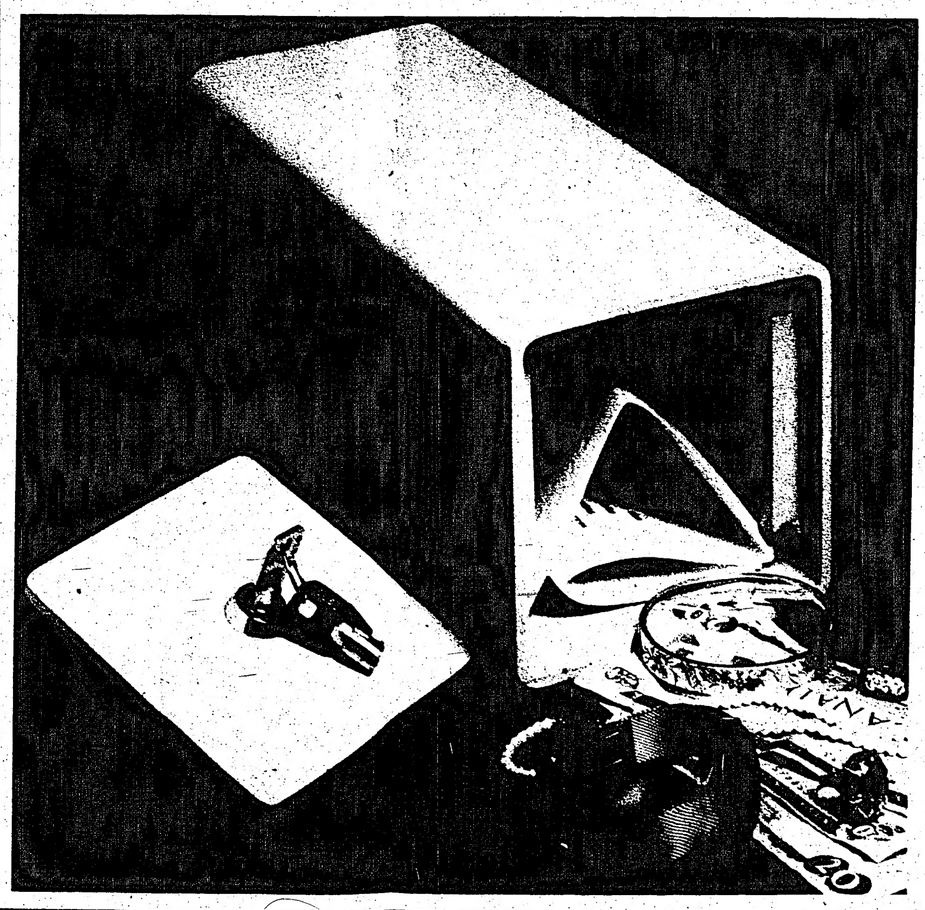

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Jewish tailors making T. Eaton-brand clothing at a Toronto sweatshop in early part of this century. This photo is on display along with others from the book, *Immigrants*, at the Koffler Centre of 'Y'.

These poignant pictures talk

art

By RHONDA ROVAN

The public health nurse, making her rounds in a crisp, white uniform, smiles into the open doors of the dark and tumble-down buildings inhabited by immigrants. The residents peek out at the strange visitor.

This picture, dated 1913, may have been taken by a city of Toronto official as a record of conscientious work. Today it is part of an exhibit which documents the hardships endured by immigrants settling in Toronto more than 40 years ago and their adjustment to the established Canadian order. The display, which was set up to coincide with a recent Jewish Book Fair, continues to Dec. 16 at the Koffler Centre for the Arts at the north YM-YWHA.

The pictures were taken from **Immigrants, A Portrait of the Urban Experience, 1890-1930**, by Robert Harney, a history professor at the University of Toronto, and Harold Troper, a history professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

The authors sifted through thousands of photographs of European immigrants before selecting the 150 to accompany their text. The document won a City of Toronto Book Award and inspired Hester Bell, a city development officer, to enlarge some of the photographs and to add a capsulized version of the original text.

The images in the exhibit are of early shelter, in overcrowded lodging houses, scenes from "the Ward" (the area bound by College, Queen, University and Yonge streets), hard-labor jobs, mass employment of skilled artisans at Eaton's, Kensington Market, street life and celebrations, education and the Canadianization of the children.

The display has previously been at City Hall and the Toronto Board of Education to remind newcomers to Toronto that the multi-cultural flavor here is not a post-war phenomenon. The people in the pictures — whether they be Italian, Macedonian or Jewish — built the foundations of Toronto's current cosmopolitan personality.

By bringing the display to the 'Y', the show takes on an added dimension of nostalgia. "The Jewish community was the largest immigrant community we worked with," said Troper. "This is the first time the pictures have been in a setting where the people seeing them actually experienced the events, or have parents and grandparents who did."

In the book, the authors point out that the photographs have a "neutral", or objective quality. The fact that the original intent was not manipulative makes the images, as seen today, that much more poignant and strong. They are honest statements about the immigrants' condition in a new and often unwelcoming environment.

This exhibit shows how photographs can be valuable tools for teaching social history. They inject some humanity into facts and figures and make anecdotes come alive. And sometimes they can stand alone.

Play gets 'A' for effort

theatre

By LYNN SLOTKIN

The Art Theatre Production Company certainly deserves 'A' for effort for its present production of Woody Allen's play **Don't Drink The Water** now at the Leah Posluns Theatre of the North YMHA.

The company is bright, energetic, enthusiastic and quite capable of giving a respectable performance of this early play of Allen's.

Director Reva Tward is fortunate to have a good cast. Alan Feiman, as Axel, is quite reminiscent of Woody Allen himself; straight-faced to the point of being mournful, lots of unruly hair, and a gift for knowing how to deliver a joke. Mervin Gollom as Walter is the perfect foil for Feiman — he is off-handed in his delivery and quite masterful in giving a line the proper Jewish inflection without seeming forced. Edie Goldstein gives the character of Marion the right mixture of 'kvetch' and 'woman in control'.

However, as good as the cast is, this production is not without its fault, and the fault is the set. Director Tward could be better served by set designer Reva Tward.

The stage of the Leah Posluns Theatre is massive; if ever the company wants to do **Ben Hur**, this is the theatre to do it in. But there is no law that says the set of a play has to be as wide as your wide stage, and with this play, it is very important that the set be small.

One of the characters tells us this when he laments that the embassy is not large enough to put up one unexpected guest — no guest rooms — cots have to be wheeled out to accommodate the people. Yet when the curtain rises on the one set of a room of the embassy, there is opulence personified. The room is huge, with a winding stairway that we have been led to believe leads to an upper floor with not enough room for one more guest. It doesn't make sense.

The solution, of course, is to make the set smaller; don't have a second floor; compact the action to the first floor, and the result should be a faster pace for the show and the humor.

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"Clever and bright" said The Globe of **TWP's THE CLUB.** It called **Linda Thorson's** performance "superb", and author **Eve Merriam's** neat script-twist "near genius." The twist? An all woman cast as members of a men-only club, circa 1900. For info. & reservations for this **TWP Champagne Season** play: **925–8640. TWP THEATRE, 12 Alexander St.**

Open Circle & NDWT announce that **CRUEL TEARS** is held over to Dec. 11. Some ticket prices have been lowered, too, for this hit Prairie musical. Now you can go 9:30 p.m. Sat. for $6, or take the family to the pay-what-you-can Sunday Matinee. For other times & prices, phone **536–6663.** See it at **Bathurst Street Theatre, just south of Bloor.**

FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE is another winner with a western setting. The Globe praised its "crisp warm humor," called it "funny, lucid and dead on target." It's by Governor-General's Awardee **Rudy Wiebe.** See it Tues. – Sun. at **8 p.m.** (note new time) and 2:30 Sun. Mat. Reservations: **531–1827. Tarragon Theatre, 30 Bridgman Avenue.**

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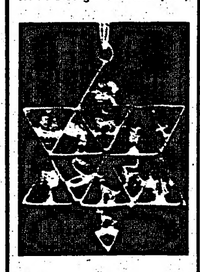

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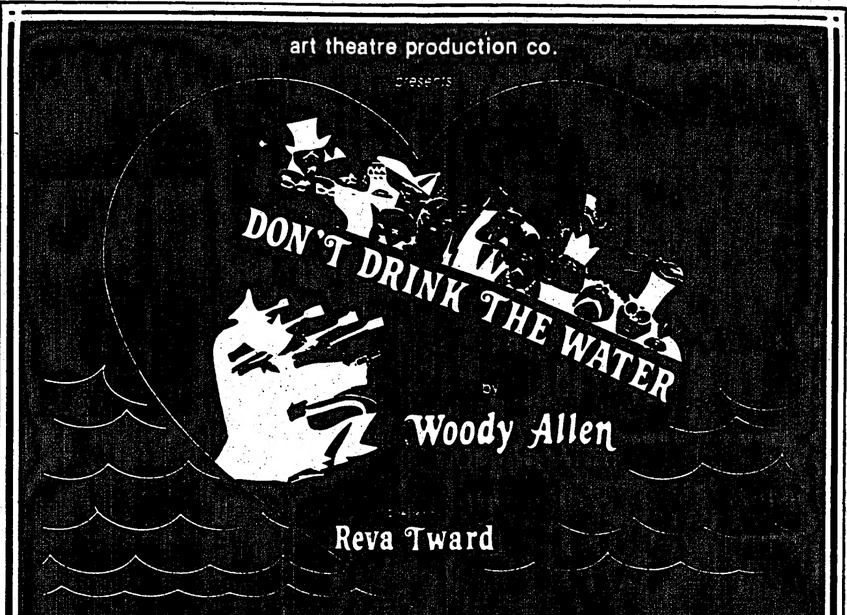

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San Diego: everything for the tourist

By LEWIS LEVENDEL

SAN DIEGO —

Tourists and vacationers have many different ideas of a holiday paradise. One of the few cities on this continent which would probably satisfy most of their wants is the southern California metropolis of San Diego.

It has a magnificent setting, with the pine-studded Laguna Mountains providing a backdrop for the large natural harbor ringed by palm trees and about 70 miles of beaches. With its world famous zoo, marvellous museums, Sea World, mild climate, clean air, relative lack of rain and location just north of the Mexican border, there is practically everything a visitor can ask for.

Add to all that the good news that prices are a lot cheaper for most everything that Canadians are used to. About the only problem is that there are no direct flights to its airport, uniquely situated in the city centre. You have to fly to Chicago or Los Angeles for a connecting flight to this city of 800,000.

But once you get here, whether you want to relax at one of its many resorts or take in its attractions, the time spent travelling will be quickly forgotten.

The major site for most visitors is 1,400-acre Balboa Park, which contains enough attractions to keep one busy for three days. Developed for world fairs in 1915 and 1935, most of the buildings feature Spanish and Moorish-style architecture.

In the park are the zoo, nine museums and art galleries, a theatre, an outdoor bandshell featuring the world's largest organ and everything you might want in terms of recreational facilities.

The zoo, which should have been the model for Toronto's Metro Zoo, has about 5,000 animals making it the largest in the world. The best way to see it the first time is the 40-minute, guided bus tour through miles of winding roads, down the canyons, and up the mesa. There's also a cable ride over the zoo.

The most spectacular of the museums is the Reuben H. Fleet Space Theatre and Science Museum with 76-foot screen. Also featured are museums of man, natural history and aerospace.

Thirty miles north of the city is the Wild Animal Park with 207 species in a 1,800-acre wildlife preserve. Main attraction is the Wgasa Bush monorail taking a five-mile trip where visitors look down on animals in their natural environment.

One can see elephants, antelopes, rhinoceros, lion prides and flocks of ostriches separated by concealed barriers. And don't miss the Bird of Prey show featuring a swooping trained hawk.

Ranked by some as California's number two attraction, after Disneyland, is Sea World, whose grandstand show features the killer whale, Shamu, along with dancing waters, seal, otter and dolphin shows.

A total of 19 exhibits and shows keep the visitor well-occupied on beautifully landscaped grounds. If that's not enough, there's a cable ride, a tower ride and hydrofoil trips.

Mission Bay Aquatic Park, 10 minutes from downtown San Diego, covers more than 4,500 acres and is used exclusively for recreation, particularly aquatic sports. Harbor Island and Shelter Island, two man-made peninsulas, have many good restaurants, hotels and marinas.

Seafood is readily available at mouth-watering prices. The Half Moon Inn on Shelter Island, offering resort-type facilities and within minutes of downtown, is highly recommended.

Old Town, the city's first settled area, is now a state historic park of 6½ blocks. It has buildings dating back to as early as 1827. Many seasoned travellers might find the area a trifle too commercial.

For the tourist who does not wish to drive to the various attractions, The Bus That Goes in Circles connects major hotels with the main points of interest. schedules are available from hotel desks.

San Diego Maritime Museum is housed on three ships moored in the harbor — the full-rigged Star of India, oldest merchant ship (100 years old), the Berkeley ferryboat and the Medea, an oldtime steam yacht.

The two-hour guided harbor cruise is a must. You see old ships in the harbor, the spot where Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis was built, nuclear submarines and giant aircraft carriers, the marinas of Shelter and Harbor Island, the green slopes of Point Loma high above the water, colorful tuna boats and giant tankers.

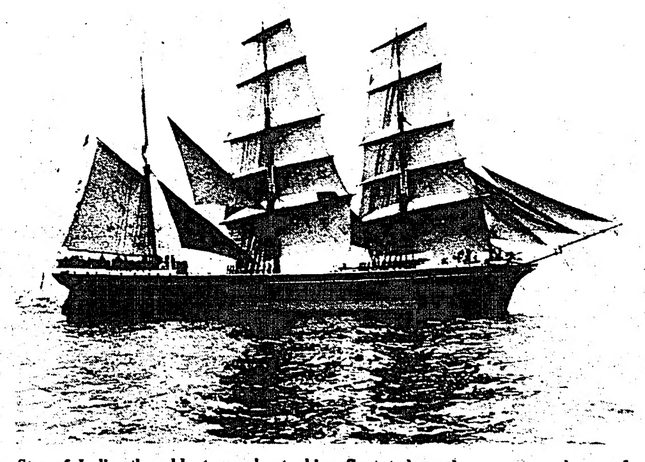
Visiting Canadians may find it quite interesting to take a further look at the largest naval fleet in the continental U.S. in San Diego. Each weekend, an open house is held on board one of its destroyers or submarines in harbor.

Another attraction of San Diego is its proximity to Mexico. Tijuana is only a half-hour drive away. The Mexican influence is prevalent in San Diego, especially in many restaurants specializing in that country's cuisine.

For the Jewish visitor, there are nine Jewish congregations to satisfy spiritual needs, along with two kosher restaurants and Jewish-style delicatessens to satisfy his gastronomical tastes. The community of 25,000 has a Jewish federation building, community home for the aged and day school.

Many of the Jewish newcomers are people coming east to retire. Community members are active in all phases of city life.

For further information on San Diego, contact San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau, 200 Third Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92101.



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Singer wows audience at Jubilee of Stars

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Rivka Raz, the vibrant stage-musical singer, wowed a capacity audience at the recent Jubilee Festival of Stars, which also featured actor-raconteur Howard da Silva and The Ayalons.

Ms. Raz, who starred in the Israeli productions of **My Fair Lady** and **The King and I**, as well as the Broadway production **To Live Another Summer, To Pass Another Winter**, epitomizes the all-important sense of total dramatic involvement which is the hallmark of a truly major singer.

Whether it was her perky renditions of **My Fair Lady**'s all-time favorites sung in Hebrew; her full-blooded interpretations of the most familiar numbers of **Fiddler**, or her yearning renditions of Naomi Shemer's greatest classics (**Loo y'Hee, Yerushalayim Shel Zahav, On the Jordan**), Rivka, backed up by the fine Stan Hiltz Orchestra, imprinted her own distinct sense of emotional involvement on each song.

This was the third time I have seen the Ayalons within the last 16 months, and it was their best performance yet. Not only did they introduce some new original songs with heart-rending, basic messages, but their exciting, on-stage wit was sharper than ever. (For example, their hilarious story of the Hadassah lady in Birmingham, Alabama, who talks Yiddish with a deep southern drawl was a scream).

Best of all was their version of the cantor's audition, in which the taciturn shul president, after rejecting a nervous Litvak and a pompous Yekke, goes wild over an Elvis-type rocking cantor who will attract a youthful congregation.

Howard da Silva's readings of Sholom Aleichem's Tevye stories were delightfully empathetic. But where his art really shone were in his brief jokes and anecdotes.

STEVEN STARYK AND THE NEW CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Steven Staryk aptly demonstrated his virtuoso talent with his fine performance of Ralph Vaughn Williams' **Concerto to Academico for Violin and Strings**. He was accompanied by Toronto's superbly tight, yet expressive, New Chamber Orchestra, under the leadership of William Phillips, at St. James' Cathedral Concert Hall, recently.

Vaughn Williams was Britain's closest answer to Maurice Ravel, and this concerto bore noticeable stylistic resemblances to Ravel's **Tzigane**. Staryk conveyed the fiery, gypsy-like impressionistic rhapsodies of the first and third movements and most sensuously interpreted the reflective lament of the middle Adagio.

But what made his rendition so remarkable was his ability to express himself lucidly while maintaining a strong crystal-clear tone. Technically, he was totally in control, moving through the exceedingly difficult fast passages of the final Presto with the greatest, most sensitive agility. In short, this was a spellbinding performance.

Those who missed Steven Staryk at this concert can see him perform again at the Leah Posluns Theatre in a CBC-Winterfest concert Tues. Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. He will be accompanied by his regular pianist John Perry of Austin.

What's wrong with Winter Offensive?

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into the party exposing one of the guest's insides in a repulsive jumble of wires and tubes. The group finish their festivities in a half-dead state by spreading excrement on themselves and by engaging in more sex.

To be sure, Gass, who has directed and written **Winter Offensive**, has made certain that we do not view this jolly bunch with anything else except horror and disgust. The set is designed in predominantly garish red and the performers made-up with gashes and marks on their faces resembling punk-rock addicts.

Goebbels is the sole actor in white-face which he sports with an appropos undertaker's mien, and Mrs. Eichmann is dressed and painted like a bordello madam. Only the Jewish servants are left —"unmarked" but, as if their humiliation isn't enough (they're both used as sex objects), Norman, the butler, is barely one step removed from becoming as bad as the Nazi guests, and Judy, the maid, remarks bitterly at one point, "I'd like to go back to Dachau."

If what I take to be Gass's statement is correct — that people eventually become as grotesque as their deeds — then, the servants along with everyone else in the play share in the indictment.

While the servants could have been of any persuasion, the fact that they are Jewish, places a far more tasteless, and certainly tactless coloring on the play.

Like many other people in the audience, I sat appalled through the first act and in the second act, desperately tried to tune out what was happening onstage. It became an endurance test.

Where is the redemption in a play like **Winter Offensive** and at what point does the alienation of your audience become so retractable that the entire theatre experience is lost and that precious communion between audience and actors broken?

Winter Offensive self-destructs simply because its own ugliness swamps anything it is trying to convey.

It's obviously meant to be darkly comic, but it's not. Its simply. embarrassing. One really questions the use of the Jewish servants in the context of the play as a whole.

Adventurous detectives

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Sara Vartal is very happy to be alive and well after what happened to her recently.

A member of Tel Aviv's crack squad of plain-clothes detectives, Sara volunteered to serve as "bait" for a rapist who preyed on young women crossing through the fields that surround the North Tel Aviv railway station.

And sure enough, Sara saw a man nervously eyeing her as she walked towards the station at about 10:30 p.m. one evening. In less than a minute he grabbed her and began tearing off her clothes. Only the timely arrival of other detectives saved her from serious harm.

Sara is one of five girls on the squad, which deals not only with rape, but also with such squalid matters as murder, extortion, drugs, etc. And all five have encountered violence.

Rina Levy, for example, still has a reddish scar to remind her of the night she went to the slummy southern section of Tel Aviv together with other members of the detective squad to stake out a house whose owner was suspected of trafficking in drugs. Many hours of patient waiting paid off when four known drug addicts came to the house, went inside briefly, and then emerged with a small package. In the melee that ensued, one of the addicts gashed Rina's arm with a knife, but this didn't prevent her from grabbing and holding on to a 700-gram package of opium.

Incidents of this sort presumably account for the fact that all the girls on the detective squad are unmarried, whereas over a third of Israel's other 2,300 policewomen are married, many of them with children.

These include their boss, Chief Superintendent Naomi Shadmi, who has risen through the ranks while at the same time bringing up two children, one of them now in the army and the other at university.

They were toddlers 17 years ago when she and 23 other women first breached what had until then been a bastion of masculinity. The ladies were received with a notable lack of enthusiasm by their male compatriots, and at first were restricted to office work and traffic duty. But they gradually moved into nearly all spheres of police activity and today make up 15% of the force, a much higher percentage than in most other countries.

Nevertheless, there are still male policemen — and male criminals — who object. Some months ago, for instance, the lawyer for a male suspect who had been subjected to a body search by a policewoman charged that the search was illegal. Since a policeman is not allowed to carry out such a search on a female suspect, it followed, he argued, that a policewomen should not be allowed to do so on a male suspect. This case went all the way up to the Supreme Court, which upheld the legality of the search.

Without doubt, some sensitive police work is actually handled much better by women than by men. This was evident when a team of policewomen skillfully defused a potentially nasty demonstration by parents of prisoners of war and bereaved parents after the Yom Kippur War.

Moreover, even ordinary suspects will often communicate more readily when they are questioned by a soft-spoken female investigator than by a tough-talking male detective.

Yet whatever their differences, in at least one respect policemen and policewomen are very similar; both are aggravated by TV-inspired misconceptions about their work. As one uniformed lady cop put it to me this week: "People just don't understand how Charley's Angels can crack a case in 50 minutes while we have to work for days, weeks or months — and then sometimes give up without finding a satisfactory solution. It's so much easier on that little screen!"

Profiles Cohen, Star critic

book review

By BERNARD BASKIN

Nathan Cohen
By Wayne E. Edmonstone
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$12.95

When Nathan Cohen died in March, 1971, at the age of 47, Canada lost not only a flamboyant and controversial personality, but also its best known and most influential theatre critic. Perhaps more than any other single person he made Canadians take theatre seriously.

Wayne E. Edmonstone, who worked with Cohen on The Toronto Star from 1968 until the time of his death, has written a book that is less about the man than it is about his contributions as critic and his role as stormy petrel of the cultural scene.

We learn little about Cohen's personal life, familial obligations, personal yearnings and strivings, emotional commitments and ambitions, but a great deal about his attempts to up-grade the status of Canadian criticism and his undeviating honesty and intellectual integrity.

Despite the attacks from the untalented, the quick compromisers with mediocrity, the excusers of Canadian ineptitude, Cohen maintained his unswerving quest for artistic quality. The author quotes copiously from Cohen's work as broadcaster and journalist, and provides informative material about the prime cultural issues and concerns of two generations of Canadian history.

I learned a great deal from this enjoyable account of a remarkable individual whose love for excellence was so great that he could not tolerate the tawdry, the shoddy and the second-rate. I would have liked to know more about the inner man.

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Three musical masters exchanged pleasantries when they met prior to a recent concert of the Israel Philharmonic in Tel Aviv. From left are the already legendary pianist Artur Rubinstein, violinist Isaac Stern and orchestra conductor Zubin Mehta.

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Elie Wiesel explains process of creating his play 'Zalman'

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Elie Wiesel has given a large audience here a rare glimpse into the creative process by describing the chain of events which led to the writing of his play, **Zalman Or The Madness Of God.**

Speaking before more than 1,000 people recently at Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem, Wiesel recalled a trip to the Soviet Union which brought him to Moscow on the eve of Yom Kippur. "It was Kol Nidre," he said. "I was sitting on the bima of the Moscow Synagogue next to Chief Rabbi Levin and I couldn't help thinking, why doesn't he bang his fist on the lecturn and shout 'you must know about our people. We want to be Jews, but we can't.'"

The service ended, he said, but Levin remained silent. Wiesel said that the Jewish community in North America thought of Levin as being a collaborator, or at best a weakling. A story told to him by former UN American Ambassador Arthur Goldberg permanently changed the author's opinion of the Moscow rabbi.

During a visit to New York, said Wiesel, Levin attended a special dinner in the company of KGB officers from the Soviet embassy. Goldberg wanted to speak to Levin alone, so he pulled him into a washroom.

"The KGB wanted to follow," said Wiesel, "but Goldberg had chutzpah — he closed the door on them. When they were alone, Levin asked him in Yiddish if there were any listening devices on the ceiling. In those pre-Watergate days, Goldberg was confidently able to say no.

Author Elie Wiesel

Levin told him: "If one is allowed to talk, then you should know you must shout." Levin then went immediately back to the reception.

When he heard the story, Wiesel was determined to redeem the reputation of the rabbi by writing a play about him. He knew absolutely no biographical details about the chief rabbi and certainly nothing about his immediate family.

He chose a 40-year-old woman as the rabbi's daughter. He gave her a husband and decided to make him a Communist to underline the split between Judaism and communism. He created a 12-year-old son for them who would not understand what a Bar Mitzva was when questioned by his grandfather.

Zalman Or The Madness Of God was well-received by the public. In December 1973, Wiesel himself recorded a special introduction for a televised version of the play. When the taping session was over, he returned home to find a letter on his desk from the daughter of the late chief rabbi of Moscow who was in New York and wanted to see him.

Wiesel was stunned. The chief rabbi did, in fact, have a daughter who had recently immigrated to Israel. She had not seen or even heard of Wiesel's play, but had read much of his previous writings through Samizdat, the publications of the Soviet underground.

When Wiesel met her, she told him her father had begged her before he died to take her family out of Russia and go to Israel. "But I had a great deal of trouble," she said. "You see, my husband was a communist." Again, Wiesel was stunned.

"We quarrelled so much that we were divorced," she said. "I took my two daughters to Israel. My husband kept our son." Wiesel asked how old the son was. "Twelve," she told him.

Wiesel recalled he had great difficulty ending the play. "I didn't know what to do with the boy. Shakespeare had an easy solution. He just killed everybody off. I couldn't do that. So I left him in the shadows — between two worlds."

Several months later, Wiesel said he encountered a rabbi who had recently visited Israel. While he was there, the rabbi saw over 30 boys being Bar Mitzva on Masada. One boy in particular was pointed out to him. "That boy is special," he was told. "He is the grandson of the late chief rabbi of Moscow."

"If you are a Jewish writer," Wiesel told his audience, "it seems you simply cannot write fiction. But who wants to write fiction when more is involved?

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CONGRESS CALENDAR

Dec. 12 – Adath Israel Congregation, "The Middle East Conflict: Political and Military Perspectives", with General Aharon Yariv, Dr. Chaim Shaked, Dr. Ittamar Rabinowitz, (all from Israel), 37 Southbourne Ave., 8:15 p.m.

Dec. 13 – Toronto Jewish Congress, Tnach Study Group, "Isaiah, Chapters 12-14", Israel Katz, lecturer, Associated Hebrew School Boardroom, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

Dec. 18 – YM-YWHA, Russian Chamber Ensemble, an afternoon concert by the Milkis family, at Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., 2 p.m.

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